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**Statement from Stephanie Kusie, Shadow Minister for Transport regarding new travel restrictions**

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CALGARY, AB -- “It is completely unacceptable that the Liberal government is moving to further restrict the civil liberties of Canadians due to their own failures.

“For almost a year we have been calling for strong border closure measures, but Justin Trudeau's slow initial response to COVID-19 cost Canadian lives and jobs.

“And now, as the world has tools to help manage the spread and severity of COVID-19 - rapid tests, therapeutics, and vaccines - the federal Liberals have not done enough to bring these tools to Canadians.

“Canadians have put up with eleven months of lockdowns and severe restrictions, and the Liberals are still turning their backs on options with better health outcomes for securing our borders. They'd rather lock Canadians up than implement tools such as post-arrival testing like that conducted through the Alberta Border Pilot Testing system.

“The Prime Minister needs to explain why he is choosing to elevate restrictions on the civil liberties of Canadians instead of deploying tools with a better safety track record.

“Conservatives have been calling on the government to use solutions like testing and vaccines to give hope to Canadians as we enter the second year of the pandemic. Today's announcement isn't a solution, it's an admission of failure by this Prime Minister and this Liberal government.”