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CONSERVATIVES FOCUS ON :

- PROTECTING CANADIANS
- FOSTERING GROWTH
- CREATING JOBS

Building a safer, stronger, better Canada

Dear Constituent,

The Fall session of Parliament has begun and I'm proud to be back to work in Ottawa to tackle the **issues that matter to Canadians** again.

I thought I'd send you this newsletter to outline some highlights of our plan, and to give you the opportunity to let me know what you think.

We're staying on track with Year 2 of the Economic Action Plan to kick start the economy out of recession. **Hundreds of thousands of jobs** have been created and most of our government's stimulus projects are either done or underway.

We've also got an ambitious schedule planned to return to **balanced budgets** as quickly as possible.

At the same time, our Conservative government is **cracking down on sexual predators** seeking to exploit children.

We're investing more than \$41 million over five years into the National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation

on the Internet.

We are also improving rehabilitation and care for Veterans and Soldiers by establishing the new **Legacy of Care** for seriously injured Canadian Forces personnel.

The men and women who face challenges due to serious injuries that result from the sacrifices they made for our country deserve to have the best care we can provide.

I also wanted to give you an update on the status of our **Conservative efforts to eliminate the long-gun registry**—which continues to be held back by the Opposition coalition that controls the most seats in the House of Commons.

I've included more information about these initiatives in this newsletter for you. I'd also be delighted to hear your thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

Health website helps Canadians live well until the end

A growing number of Canadians are turning to the Internet for health information. If someone you know is facing a life-limiting or terminal illness, or has a progressive chronic disease or is elderly, the Canadian Virtual Hospice can help. The website is an excellent source of trusted information and support, offered in both English and French. It was ranked one of the best health websites in Canada by the Canadian Health Libraries Association.

Located at www.virtualhospice.ca and www.portailpalliatif.ca, the site is free and staffed by health experts, who have developed practical, useful information on many topics. The team of experts includes physicians, nurses, a social worker and a spiritual care adviser.

On the site you will find personalized information and support to make a difficult time easier. Some of the information you will find, which you can print, or “send to a friend:”

- * Common symptoms, emotional and spiritual challenges and helpful tips
- * Questions to ask health care providers
- * Programs and services near you
- * What to expect as different illnesses progress
- * Stories of others’ journeys

- * Signs that life may be coming to a close
- * Personal, confidential responses to your questions through *Ask a Professional*
- * Common questions Canadians are asking and answers to these important questions
- * How to discuss difficult issues with children and other family members
- * Steps to deliver care such as bathing and providing medications

Virtual Hospice is funded by the Government of Canada through the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.



When Answers are Everything

Who do you turn to when you have questions about living well until the end of life? Canadian Virtual Hospice, ranked by Canadian Health Libraries Association as one of the best health websites in Canada.

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Information • Support • Peace of mind

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www.virtualhospice.ca

Roadmap to Recovery

Returning to balanced budgets as recovery takes hold

Jobs and growth remain our Conservative government’s top priorities. We’re looking forward to completing the second year of Stephen Harper’s Economic Action Plan.

Last year, our government committed to nearly 16,000 stimulus projects across Canada and spurred economic activity through tax cuts, the Home Renovation Tax Credit, and improvements to the Employment Insurance system.

Year 2 of the Economic Action Plan will build on the success of last year to secure Canada’s economic recovery and give us a strong footing for the future.

- ☑ All of the jobs that were lost during the recession have been recouped.
- ☑ 430,000 jobs have been created over the past year.

- ☑ 4.6 Million families benefitted from the Home Renovation Tax Credit last year.
- ☑ Almost a million more Canadians are at work today than there were when Stephen Harper took office in 2006.
- ☑ The International Monetary Fund predicts that our economy will grow faster than any other country’s in the G-7 over the 2010-2011 period.

The facts are clear—Canada’s Economic Action Plan is working. While the economic recovery is still fragile, we’re well positioned to keep lowering taxes, avoid a crushing debt burden, And our ambitious deficit cutting strategy will see us return to balanced budgets by 2015.

Better Care for Veterans and Soldiers

Establishing a Legacy of Care for Forces personnel & their families

Our Conservative government announced \$52.5 million to establish a Legacy of Care for seriously injured Canadian Forces personnel and their families. Because of their sacrifices for our Country, many men and women are facing exceptional challenges due to serious injury.

We're improving the quality of life for our seriously injured veterans and soldiers and their families with:

- Barrier-free transitional housing for injured soldiers undergoing treatment at a Canadian Forces rehabilitation centre.

- Wheelchair accessible transportation to necessary medical and care services.
 - Up to \$100 per day for a family member or a close friend who leaves their job to help provide care to the ill or injured soldier.
- Seriously injured modern-day Veterans have more intense case management needs and their recoveries tend to take longer than expected. That's why we've hired more case managers and given those case managers more

flexibility to respond swiftly to contribute to rehabilitation and recovery.

This investment over the next five years will ensure that injured soldiers, sailors, and airmen and airwomen will receive better care in a tangible and lasting way throughout their recovery and rehabilitation as well as for their eventual reintegration, along with their families, into military or civilian life.

Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet

Cracking down on Online Sex Offenders

Our government's National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation on the Internet will increase the capacity of the police to track down and bring child predators to justice, to raise public awareness, and to continue to research better ways to identify and rescue child victims.

We've committed \$41 million over five years to the National Strategy to enhance and reinforce our law enforcement's ability to fight against child sexual exploitation and abuse on the Internet.

You can report suspected cases of online sexual exploitation of children at www.cybertip.ca.

You can help stop online sexual predators by reporting: child pornography, online luring, child prostitution, and child trafficking. Cybertip's experts will then forward the tips to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Since September 2002, Cybertip has received over 38,000 tips from the public.

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Sometimes adoption is the best choice for you and your baby. It can provide your child with the chance to grow up in a secure and loving family. You can even choose your baby's adoptive parents and decide with them if you'd like to stay in contact. For you, adoption can mean the

plan

chance to postpone raising a child until you're ready. There are also people and resources in place to give you the support you need before and after you give birth. We've put together a guide called *Plan A* that outlines your options. Please visit us at AdoptioninCanada.ca

“I WANTED TO GIVE MY BABY A MOM AND A DAD.”

– Shancelle, Birth Mother
(Read her story at AdoptioninCanada.ca)



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What's Your Opinion?

- Yes! I support the Conservative Government's priorities
- No! I do not support the Government's priorities

Comments:

Long-Gun Registry Update

Liberals and NDP teamed up to keep the long-gun registry alive.

The Long-Gun Registry has been with us for far too long. So far it has cost us more than \$2 billion! The registry does a good job of harassing law-abiding hunters and farmers, it does a great job of wasting money, but it doesn't do anything to fight crime.

I'm disappointed that Michael Ignatieff forced all of his Liberal MPs to vote against the Bill that would have abolished the Long-Gun Registry forever. If enough Opposition MPs were allowed to vote the way they really wanted, the bill could have continued through Parliament and become law.

I can't wait for the day that there are enough MPs in Parliament that will vote to scrap the Long-Gun Registry — I've opposed the registry from the very beginning and I'll keep fighting to abolish it — but in this Minority Parliament where the Opposition parties will block our every attempt to do so, it's a tough fight.

Conservative tax relief for everyone

Since taking office, Stephen Harper's government has:

- Increased** the amount of **tax-free income** you can earn by \$1,500.
- Cut the GST by 2%** - reducing the cost of virtually everything you buy.
- Reduced the tax rate for the lowest income bracket** to 15%.

These measures, among many others, have enabled Canadians to have a more secure financial footing when the global economic recession hit, but the government has also taken steps to assist Canadians who need our help the most. Those are Canadians living in poverty.

Now more than ever, Canadians deserve to keep more of their hard-earned dollars. That's why our Conservative government remains committed to delivering tax relief to Canadian

families who work hard and play by the rules.

We have provided low-income Canadians with tax relief, we have brought forth a child tax credit to go along with the universal child care plan already introduced, and we have made significant investments that have targeted groups prone to poverty, such as seniors, aboriginals and the working poor.

Seniors have further been helped by the action plan as we raised the age credit amount. We reduced the required minimal RRIF withdrawal and injected investment of \$400 million over two years for the construction of social housing units for low-income seniors. This was on top of previous initiatives by our government that dramatically reduced the number of seniors living in poverty, such as pension income splitting and doubling the pension income credit.

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