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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

As we welcome the promise of a new year, I am filled with gratitude for the resilience and strength of our Kitchener-Conestoga community. Together, we have faced uncertainties, celebrated victories, and worked hand in hand to overcome obstacles.

As your representative in Ottawa, I am committed to making 2024 a year of meaningful progress for all of us. In the spirit of unity and collaboration, I am excited to bring Parliament closer to home.

This month, I am providing you an overview of my legislative and committee work in Ottawa in 2023. I hope this provides a deeper understanding about the impact of the work I do while in Parliament.

Throughout the year, I am committed to advocating for you in Ottawa. By bridging the gap between our community and the national stage, I'll do my best to ensure your concerns, aspirations, and input shape the decisions our government makes. The best way for me to do that is to continue to listen and engage with businesses, organizations, and people like you here at home.

I'll continue doing that through meetings, roundtables, local gatherings, or even through conversations in our neighbourhoods.

The challenges we face demand innovative solutions, and I am ready to champion policies that benefit our community. From advocating for improved infrastructure to championing initiatives that foster an economy that works for everyone, I am more dedicated than ever to making a real difference for Kitchener-Conestoga.

By working together, we can build a community where everyone thrives, and no one is left behind.

I will continue to work tirelessly to protect the health and safety of Canadians and support jobs and our economy while protecting our environment. I appreciate every opportunity to connect, so please call 519-578-3777 or email me at Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca and my office will do our best to assist you.



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Working for You in Ottawa: My Work on Committees in 2023

Our government continues to address important issues including housing, affordability, and climate change, with a strong focus on continued supports for Canadians. Here are some issues I worked on in committee last year:

Heritage Committee Highlights

As a passionate advocate for the Heritage sector, including Sports and Arts, I am proud to share the impactful work accomplished by the Canadian Heritage Committee.

We worked on a study promoting **Safe Sport in Canada**, to ensure that all participants in sports, particularly our children, enjoy an environment that is safe, inclusive, and welcoming.



Honoured to meet and hear from Canadian soccer icon Christine Sinclair.

Our committee examined **Tech Giants' Use of Intimidation Tactics**, heavily scrutinizing Facebook's (Meta) decision to remove news content from its platforms in Canada. Meanwhile, we have also engaged with Google, which has since committed to paying \$100 million annually to Canadian news publishers and is maintaining access to Canadian news content through its platform.

The Canadian Online News Act proposes a framework compelling digital giants like Google and Facebook

(Meta) to develop agreements with Canadian news sites to ensure fair compensation for the journalistic content featured on their platforms.

Our commitment to cultural diversity is also evident in **An Act Respecting Arab Heritage Month**, which seeks to celebrate and acknowledge the rich contributions of the Arab community to our national identity.

Recognizing the invaluable contributions of artists, our committee has been working on **Strengthening the Status of Artists in Canada**. This initiative aims to address the challenges faced by artists, ensuring their socio-economic well-being, and recognizing the vital role they play in shaping Canada's cultural identity.

Our committee conducted a comprehensive **Study on Connectivity in Rural Remote Areas** to bridge the digital divide, ensuring all Canadians have access to reliable and high-speed internet services.

I will continue to work tirelessly to safeguard our cultural legacy, championing inclusivity, and help create a Canada where all voices are heard and celebrated.

Agriculture Committee Highlights

As a proud member of the Agriculture Committee, I continue to advocate for our farmers here and across Canada. Our committee continued to address crucial issues and formulated key policies.

Our report, **Stewards of the Land: Examining Canadian Agriculture's Environmental Contribution**, underscores our appreciation of the work farmers do, and highlights our commitment to sustainable farming practices while increasing productivity.

Addressing rising food costs, we reported on **Grocery Affordability**, examining the factors contributing to food costs and summoning grocery CEOs to testify before us.

Recognizing Canada's global responsibilities, our report, **Feeding the World - Strengthening Canada's Capacity to Respond to Global Food Insecurity**, outlined strategies to enhance our ability to address global food insecurity.

Our committee advocated for the establishment of a **National Food Day in Canada** to raise awareness about the importance of Canadian agriculture and the vital role it plays in our everyday lives.



Farm visit in West Montrose, discussing productivity and sustainability.



We summoned Canada's major grocers for questioning on food costs.

Our commitment to protecting the agriculture sector is evident in the report on **Protecting Against Animal Biosecurity Risks: The State of Canada's Preparedness**. It stresses the need to strengthen our border and inspection services, improve biosecurity preparedness, and enhance our ability to respond effectively to disease outbreaks, safeguarding our livestock.

Recognizing the challenges faced by fruit and vegetable farmers, our committee proposed an **Act**

to Amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act - Protecting Fruits and Vegetables Farmers.

I remain committed to championing the interests of farmers and advancing policies to strengthen and sustain our agricultural sector.

Update on my Private Member's Bill: Ending Live Horse Exports for Slaughter

Constituents here and Canadians across the nation have shared concerns with me about the air export of live horses for slaughter. It is time for Canada to align with other nations in prohibiting this practice and safeguarding the well-being of these treasured creatures.

In September, I tabled my Private Members Bill, Bill C-355, aimed at banning this practice, and I am pleased to share that this bill has advanced to Second Reading.

Collaborating with Members from both sides of the House, I am eager for Bill C-355 to pass Second Reading and be studied in committee in the coming months. Your insights on this bill are invaluable, and I encourage you to reach out to my office if you wish to share your thoughts on this issue.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about this issue.

