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Community Newsletter



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July 2022,

Dear Constituent,

This past June was eventful as the government sought to push through a number of bills with limited debate. I was a vocal participant in the chamber debating the Liberal government's new firearms legislation. Bill C-21 contains some positive measures such as slightly increasing fines for smuggling firearms across the border; however, writ large it is a very poorly drafted piece of legislation that primarily focuses on law-abiding firearms owners (whom are statistically three times less likely to commit a crime than average Canadians). I have and will always encourage any government to base legislation on facts and evidence, and to focus on the root causes of gun crime in Canada such as: gangs, drugs, illegal trafficking of firearms and most important poverty. You can watch my questions to the Minister of Public Safety here: <https://youtu.be/dHarFSXS-ZQ> and my own speech later in the debate here: <https://youtu.be/xLU47aLdOPU>. I also spent time debating Bill C-5 which would eliminate a number of mandatory minimum sentences for serious firearms and drug offences. Again, I urged the Liberal government to focus on the root cause of crimes, investing in mental health, rehabilitation, and addiction support instead of letting hardened, repeat offenders off the hook.

On June 8th, the final report for the Special Committee on Afghanistan, while I am proud of the work my colleagues did on this file, there is key testimony missing including already completed government reviews that the Liberals fought to exclude from the report. I highlighted my efforts to get these documents during debate with the Parliament Secretary for Foreign Affairs that can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/lWflbTASRzQ>. The complete tabled report is now available online at the following link: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/AFGH/report-1>.

In addition, I continued to push the Canadian government to do more for Ukraine as I sought clarity on when Ukrainians could expect the promised armoured vehicles. I was disappointed when the Liberal government put up the Parliamentary Secretary for Health to address my concerns. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/-2zWbxxNiNs>.

Finally, I am excited to be back in the riding for the summer and am hopeful that I will be able to meet many of you in the constituency at various events this summer. As a reminder, on this coming Sunday, July 24th, I will be hosting a constituency BBQ at the Kinsmen pavilion in Chesley from 2pm-4pm, I will be serving free food and refreshments for all in attendance along with presenting a number of Platinum Jubilee coins to the well-deserving constituents. More details are below.

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Monthly Survey Question



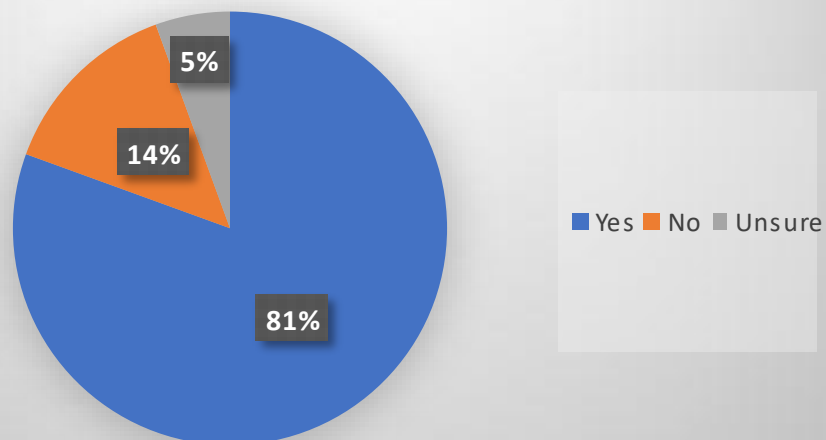
Have your say on my website: www.alexruffmp.ca

This month's new question is:

Should the federal government do more to encourage competition in cellular and internet services in Canada to include ensuring sufficient redundancy for critical services (i.e. banking, etc)?

Last Month's Response:

Should the federal government suspend the GST collected on gasoline and diesel to address the cost-of-living crisis?



Alex in the Media



To check out my interjections in the House of Commons, other videos, and local news, click [here](#).

Rogers Tv Politically Speaking https://youtu.be/e5zM_DXhQjA

28 June CFOS Open Line: <https://www.560cfos.ca/2022/06/28/open-line-tuesday-june-28-2022/>

My website features my previous press releases, videos, and CFOS 560 Open Line podcasts. Check it out [here](#).

To view all my interjections in the House of Commons, [click here](#).

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Community Outreach



Great visit to Abbeyfield Durham Senior Housing and chat with Director Rhonda along with residents, staff and neighbours (11 June).



Brought greetings to the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association Provincial Fours Tournament at the Hanover Lawn Bowling Club (11 June).



Catching up with Korean War veteran, Leonard Smith at the Owen Sound Legion while supporting Veteran Knits Appreciation Apparel (12 June).



Honoured to present medals to Special Olympic Athletes during a regional swim competition, Owen Sound (14 June).



Wishing Ivan and Ada Carmichael a happy 75th wedding anniversary, Chatsworth (18 June).

Additional Resources



Constituency BBQ

I am pleased to announce that I will be hosting a constituency appreciation barbecue this summer. I invite you to come join me for an opportunity to meet me and other members of our community. Further, I will be recognizing a number of constituents with a Platinum Jubilee Coin.

- Food, refreshments, and entertainment will be provided free of charge.
- There will be a cash bar run by the Chesley Kinsmen.
- Bring your own lawn chair as there is limited seating provided.

WHERE: Chesley Community Park (Kinsman Pavilion)
129 4th Ave. SE, Chesley

WHEN: July 24th, 2pm-4pm

Please RSVP here: <https://www.alexruffmp.ca/constituencybbq2022>

Passport Canada Service Standards

Due to the high volumes of requests, passport processing times are higher than usual, check expected wait times here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-passports.html>

Youth Innovation Component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) is looking for dynamic youth who want to demonstrate leadership and a commitment to their communities. Through this process, youth volunteer their time to build a more accessible Canada.

Applications open from June 3, 2022, to October 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-youth-innovation.html>



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