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MP Ruff: Liberal Government Policies are Exacerbating Cost of Living Crisis

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Ottawa -- Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound issued the following statement about the Liberal Government's harmful policies making everything more expensive, and drastically increasing the cost of living.

"Many people in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and across the country are finding it harder and harder to keep up with rising inflation. Unfortunately, the Liberal Government continues to make policy decisions that increase the cost of living, threaten our supply chain, and make it harder for families to make ends meet. So many people are barely getting by, and few are getting ahead.

"On January 1st, the Government hiked CPP premiums during a cost-of-living crisis with inflation reaching a 30-year high. My Conservative colleagues and I are calling on the Government to immediately reverse the CPP increase. Reversing this increased cost to workers is one small way the government can immediately provide support to Canadian families and businesses struggling with the cost of living, a crisis that is getting worse by the day (additional info available in the attached Conservative Party statement, 24 January 2022).

"Canadian supply chains have been devastated with logistical and shipping concerns as businesses, manufacturers and distributors deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, global pressures, the flooding in British Columbia, which has caused approximately \$600 million in lost sales, and a labour shortage.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged global supply chains, resulting in shipping delays and significant cost increases for businesses and Canadians alike. At the beginning of the pandemic, the Liberal government rightfully deemed the trucking industry an essential service. Still amidst the same pandemic, the government has now targeted the industry and is forcing thousands of truckers off the road.

"Canadians can no longer afford a home, groceries, or to fill their gas tanks, and the labour shortages the shipping industry is facing will make matters worse. The impacts of this labour shortage are a direct result of poor Liberal decisions, which are leading to empty shelves and higher costs to Canadians. This is simply unacceptable. My Conservative colleagues have written two letters to the Liberal government on January 5th and January 21st highlighting these ongoing issues and raising the devastating impacts their policies are having across the country (attached).

"I will continue to hold the Liberal Government to account for their policies that are directly contributing to Canada's cost of living crisis, skyrocketing housing prices, and supply chain shortages. I got involved in federal politics to solve problems not to create new ones. My Conservative colleagues and I will continue to advocate for action that helps Canadians not just get by, but get ahead."

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