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Dear Constituents,

Thank you to everyone in Edmonton-Spruce Grove who participated in Canada's 2011 general election. Everyone who voted, volunteered on a campaign team, put up a lawn sign or discussed the issues with family and friends made a contribution to our democratic process.

I am honoured to be re-elected as your representative in Parliament. After four federal elections in the last seven years, we can now look forward to the stability of a majority Conservative Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The economy was the main issue in the May 2nd election, and Canadians gave our Government a strong mandate to keep our economic recovery on track. We will deliver on that commitment by passing our 2011 Budget and implementing the next phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan: A Low-Tax Plan for Jobs and Growth. It will include numerous measures to reduce taxes and improve benefits for Canadian families, seniors and communities. It will chart the course for returning to a balanced budget by 2014, a year earlier than planned.

We will also move forward with democratic reforms, including phasing out subsidies for political parties, reforming the Senate, and providing more representation in the House of Commons for fast-growing provinces like Alberta.

Based on my conversations with voters here in Edmonton-Spruce Grove, I know many of you are especially interested to know that we will be moving this fall to scrap the wasteful long-gun registry, end the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly over marketing western farmers' wheat and barley, and pass a strong package of anti-crime legislation.

As Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Spruce Grove, I can assure you that under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, we will stay focused on the economy as our number one priority. Working together with other levels of government, the private sector, and you, we will continue building a better future for all Canadians!

Yours truly,



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Rona thanks the people of Edmonton-Spruce Grove for re-electing her during her first speech to the 41st Parliament.

“Mr. Speaker, as it is my first time getting up in the House in our four year majority mandate, I would like to thank the constituents of Edmonton-Spruce Grove for re-electing me. They are hardworking Canadians who want us to focus on job creation and balancing the budget.”

-Hon. Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
June 6, 2011



Strong and Responsible Economic Leadership

Canadians right across our nation have signaled the need for strong, stable, national majority Conservative government. So we're rolling up our sleeves and taking on that challenge! We are taking a responsible, credible approach that is consistent with the careful fiscal management that has been the hallmark of our Government's approach to public finances.

We are winding down our stimulus to eliminate the deficit and return to balanced budgets. The cornerstone of Budget 2011 - the Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan - is strong fiscal management. Our budget includes a Strategic and Operating Review designed to realize substantial savings through greater efficiency and effectiveness in government. We are launching that review and will report the savings in Budget 2012 when it is completed.

Companies and the employees who



work for them need a boost to fully contribute to the nation's economic recovery. The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan therefore introduces a one-time Hiring Credit for Small Business. The Hiring Credit will provide an Employment Insurance (EI) break for some 525,000 small businesses, reduce payroll costs, and encourage hiring. Our support for Canadian families across the country includes providing additional support for the

work-sharing program and renewing two special EI measures to assist Canadians in their search for jobs.

Part of helping hard-working Canadians, is keeping your taxes low. The average family of four now receives almost \$3,100 in extra tax savings thanks to the numerous tax reduction measures introduced by our Government. We are already providing additional tax relief to seniors and pensioners this fiscal year—measures like pension income splitting, increases in the Age Credit amount, and a doubling of the maximum amount of income eligible for the Pension Income Credit. In addition, Budget 2011 provides a top-up benefit to the Guaranteed Income Supplement for low-income seniors.

Our Government's budget is a return to balance over the medium term without raising taxes or cutting transfers to individuals or other levels of government.

Rona Reappointed to Cabinet by Prime Minister Harper



Rona was honoured to be reappointed by the Prime Minister as Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for Status of Women to ensure Canadians receive the stability and continuity our country needs.

Photo: Rona was sworn into Cabinet at Rideau Hall on May 2nd as Prime Minister Stephen Harper (background right) and Governor General David Johnston (background left) look on.

Rona Encourages Innovation

Rona (front centre) pictured with Geoff Hayward, President and CEO (center right) and employees of Data Gardens in Edmonton, whose innovation proposal (*Cloud Federation System*) prequalified for the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program (CICP). The Canadian Innovation



Commercialization Program (CICP) helps Canadian businesses by testing their innovative products and services within the Government of Canada before taking them to the market.

For more information on CICP go to <https://buyandsell.gc.ca>.



Rona Celebrates Strong Women

Rona (far right) met with girls from Ottawa's Elmwood School to kick off International Women's Week by supporting CARE Canada's 'Walk in Her Shoes' campaign to raise awareness about the plight of girls in developing countries around the world. The 'Walk in Her Shoes' campaign recognized that women and girls throughout the world may walk as many as 8,000 steps a day to carry out their household chores. The campaign challenged Canadians to walk an equivalent number of steps prior to and on International Women's Day.

Rona Supporting our Communities



Showing Support for Firefighter's Burn Treatment Society

Rona showed her support for the society members' initiative to raise funds for research and equipment to treat burn survivors at the 2011 cheque presentation to the Firefighters Burn Unit.

Hockey Night in Spruce Grove

Rona Ambrose, Mayor Houston, Hon. Doug Horner & Saints owner Darren Myshack were privileged to "drop the puck" at Game 1 of the AJHL Championship series, where the Spruce Grove Saints had a thrilling 4-3 win over the Camrose Kodiaks.



Thanking Volunteers

Rona served breakfast to well deserving volunteers being honoured at a volunteer appreciation breakfast in Parkland County. *"Volunteers represent the spirit of our community, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to you all for taking up challenges with enthusiasm to lend a helping hand."*

-Hon. Rona Ambrose, PC, MP

Tri Municipal Trade Show



Rona conversed with local business men and women who participated in the trade show at the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre which was sponsored by the Stony Plain & District Chamber of Commerce.

Acheson Business Association AGM



Rona with local entrepreneurs at the Acheson Business Association Annual General Meeting. *"So many of the most important drivers of Canada's future economic growth operate right here in northern Alberta, and many of the talented and hard-working entrepreneurs and individuals behind the wheel are right here in Acheson."*

- Hon. Rona Ambrose, PC, MP

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65+ years ♦ Member of Parliament (MP)
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90+ years ♦ Governor General
100+ years ♦ The Queen (Birth certificate req.)

Anniversary:

25+ years ♦ Member of Parliament (MP)
25+ years ♦ Prime Minister
50+ years ♦ Governor General
60+ years ♦ The Queen (Marriage certificate req.)

Rona Opening Dialogue



Seniors' Coffee Afternoon

Rona participated in a game of crib with avid card-players, one of many seniors programs to enhance individuals' well-being, sponsored by Family and Community Support Services in Spruce Grove.

Coffee Break in Stony Plain

Rona chatted with constituents over coffee at Tim Horton's in Stony Plain. Everyone was able to speak their mind in the relaxed environment.



West Edmonton Mall Seniors Social



Rona chatted with constituents at the West Edmonton Mall Seniors Social. Rona learned about constituents' past concerns and priorities moving forward.

Most Civil MP in Parliament

Researchers from McMaster University have recently created a "civility index" and ranked MPs based on how rude or polite they behave during Question Period.

The Hon. Rona Ambrose, MP for Edmonton Spruce Grove, beat all other MPs and topped the civility chart with a civility index of 68, while the average MP score was 54.

Constituency Open House

Rona took time to discuss Natural Health Products with constituents Pat Whitfield and John Biggs at her Constituency Open House held in Edmonton. Rona's Annual Constituency Open House provides an opportunity for constituents to chat with Rona regarding issues of importance to them.



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