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*News from the House of Commons
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Leon Benoit, MP

Vegreville-Wainwright

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YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

Dear Constituents:

As we say goodbye to 2011 and look forward to 2012, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on what my colleagues and I have been working on, and our plans for the months ahead.

Prime Minister Harper promised Canadians to eliminate the gun registry (*see page 8*), strengthen the justice system, reform the Canadian Wheat Board (*see page 14*) and address human smuggling. Now, with a majority government these are all being dealt with through legislation. Having heard from so many of you over the years about these issues, I am very glad to be in a position to say, "We are getting things done."



In fact, the Prime Minister continues to show world class leadership. On the economic front we are told repeatedly by other countries that they can only wish that their fiscal house was as strong as ours. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is working with Finance Ministers from around the globe to try to avoid a repeat of the 2008 economic slowdown. In Canada we continue to work to both lower taxes *and* spending (*see page 5 for more*). The deficit needs to be reined in and we have a plan to do that.

From unprecedented trade agreements internationally, to addressing interprovincial trade issues here at home, our Government is focussed on building Canada's economy and ensuring it remains strong.

Is there more to do? Of course there is.

We are conducting consultations for Budget 2012, and I encourage you to get involved, either by attending one of my local townhalls (visit www.leonbenoit.ca for more information), or writing to me at either of the addresses on the back cover of this pamphlet.

We are also working to: address the huge, and unfair, backlog of immigration applications (*see page 6*); further strengthen the justice system to protect Canadians (*see page 7*); and helping seniors and improving retirement options for every Canadian (*see pages 12 and 13*).

I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you health, happiness and peace for 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L B S', written in a cursive style.

PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTION ON MS

On November 24th, 2011 Leon's Private Member's Motion (PMM) on Multiple Sclerosis, M-274, had its first hour of debate in the House of Commons. For some time now Leon has been meeting with local groups of constituents and some individuals on matters relating to Multiple Sclerosis (MS). From these consultations and a number of meetings with the Canadian Minister of Health, departmental officials and various other people, Leon drafted the following Motion:

"That, in the opinion of the House, the government should help ensure that patients suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and their families and caregivers, have access to the information they need to make informed decisions in the management of their condition by ensuring that:

- (a) the MS monitoring system currently being developed by the Canadian Institute for Health Information contain specific and useful information, accessible directly to patients, on the risks, benefits, and other relevant aspects relative to undergoing surgical treatment for chronic cerebro-spinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI)
- (b) departments, agencies and programs work closely with provincial and territorial counterparts, with health professionals associations, such as the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, and with patient groups, such as the MS Society of Canada, on the sharing of up-to-date research-based information on the nature of CCSVI and its link to MS; and
- (c) the government's two advisory boards dealing with MS ensure the patients' concerns and views are well represented and heard at future meetings."

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Leon Benoit, Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, is pleased with the progress that is being made on the current study on Resource Development in Northern Canada. The committee has heard from a number of witnesses so far this session on resource development in the North, specifically on mining and geo-mapping. Many of the witnesses have stressed the importance of issues such as: infrastructure; improving regulatory wait times; land claim agreements; as well as several of other concerns.

In December the Committee will decide what direction the study will take in New Year.

RIGHT: MP Lizon, Mr. Ola Borten Moe, Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy, and Leon after an informal meeting on November 2, 2011.



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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Leon hosted a series of successful town hall meetings throughout the riding in mid-October. Two were held at high schools where Leon was pleased to meet with constituents, including a number of students, to hear their questions and feedback. Many who attended the meetings expressed their concerns on important issues such as: copyright legislation; the long gun registry; the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly;

justice legislation and a variety of other issues. There was also significant discussion between Leon and a number of students about how to get the Canadian youth out to vote. This conversation was sparked by the low youth voter turnout in recent elections. Students recommended that politicians and their party's use more social media to inform and attract young people.

Leon will be hosting another series of town hall meetings—including budget consultations—in the New Year to get more feedback from constituents which he can bring to Ottawa and ensure that the voices of Vegreville-Wainwright are heard. Please visit www.leonbenoit.ca for more information.

GRAND OPENING OF SUNSHINE VILLA

On August 31, 2011 dignitaries cut the ribbon on the Sunshine Villa senior's residence in Tofield and opened the door to a new facility for seniors to call home. Leon was very pleased to represent the Government of Canada at the event and he was amazed at the number of people who attended. "This is a remarkable turnout for a grand opening and it shows the need there is for this facility," he stated.

Leon thanked the building committee for providing the facility and recognized the work they put into making what began as a dream into a reality. "It makes this community a better place in which to live."

Three stories high, the 42,500 sq. ft. building was originally intended to house 44 suites but that was expanded into 47 suites. The building has been carefully planned in order to accommodate possible future additions on the north and west sides.

The afternoon was filled with speeches, presentations, cake-cutting, blessing of the building,

refreshments, tours and entertainment provided by the Bell Ringers of Tofield Lodge under the direction of Carol Cairns and the Lamplighters accompanied by Kay Woelk.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Global instability has many governments worried about another, even deeper economic downturn. That's why Leon and his Conservative colleagues are squarely focused on what matters to Canadians – jobs and economic growth.

In fact, Statistics Canada announced in late November that Canada's economy had grown 3.5% in the third quarter. That growth, along with the approximately 600,000 net new jobs created since July 2009, is an encouraging sign we are on the right track for the economy and hardworking Canadian families.

CANADA PREDICTED TO HAVE STRONGEST GROWTH

Leon also pointed out that, near the end of 2011, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) also declared Canada will have the strongest economic growth among all G-7 countries over the 2011-13 period.

"But we know the global recovery is fragile – especially in the United States and Europe, and Canada is not immune to global economic turbulence," cautions Leon. "That's why we are working hard in Parliament to implement the Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan – and its job-creating measures like the Hiring Credit for Small Business."

Leon pointed out the Government's recent decision to reduce the maximum potential increase in Employment Insurance (EI) premium rates in 2012 from 10 cents to 5 cents.

OPPOSITION WANTS TO INCREASE TAXES

"However, while we are focused on protecting and growing Canada's economy with our low-tax and pro-trade plan, the anti-trade Opposition wants to slap job-killing tax hikes on families and employers trying to deal with global economic turbulence – the *last* thing we need," states Leon.

Leon was referring to Liberal MP Joyce Murray's tweets about her desire to see Canada impose European style carbon taxes. If Murray had her way Canadians would be paying substantially more for gas for their cars, electricity for their homes and everything else they buy. Murray's tweet is just another reminder of the Liberals' hidden agenda of imposing a massive new tax on everything if they get their chance.

And it is not just carbon taxes. Recently Bob Rae called for the end of the tax credits for children, transit users, and workers (Globeandmail.com, November 9, 2011). And the Liberals continue to call for higher taxes on job creators despite the current global economic uncertainty.

It is clear that the Liberal Party still has no new ideas other than higher taxes for Canadian families just like their friends in the NDP. While every opposition party calls for more taxes on hard-working Canadians the Harper Government will continue to implement the next phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan, our low tax plan for jobs and growth.

REDESIGNING CANADA'S IMMIGRATION PROCESS

On Friday November 4, Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, announced Phase I of the Action Plan for Faster Family Reunification. As a result, the government will implement a temporary pause of up to two years, where no applications will be accepted from parents and grandparents hoping to immigrate to Canada.

SYSTEM MUST BE FAIR TO CANADIANS

This pause is needed to allow the government to consult with Canadians about the future of immigration by parents and grandparents to Canada. "We have committed to making sure that immigration to Canada is fair to Canadian taxpayers who live here, play by the rules, and pay for our social services," explains Leon. "We do not want to double immigration to nearly 500,000, as the NDP suggests, and we will work to make sure that future of immigration is efficient and helpful to Canada and its economy."

The Minister also implemented a new Parents and Grandparents Super Visa to ensure that parents and grandparents can visit their families without immigrating to Canada. This Visa will require that families in Canada who wish to invite visitors provide financial support and buy private healthcare insurance. Visitors will not be able to use Canadian social services.

Leon points out that his Government is also committed to being fair to people who are currently in the large immigration application backlog by speeding up their immigration process through an increase in admissions. This sets out an admission target of 25,000 parents and grandparents in 2012. It is important that we keep in mind that these are people who have played by the rules and have waited for up to 8 years in the queue. They have paid the fees and the law requires that their applications be processed. To be fair, the applications already submitted need to be assessed on the previous rules.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

During the two-year pause in applications, Canadians are encouraged to submit their feedback. If you have concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to send Leon your comments via any of the contact information on the back page of this pamphlet. "I believe that a redesigned immigration program must avoid excessive backlogs and be sensitive to fiscal constraints, such as Canada's limited health-care resources," states Leon. "Unlike the NDP who want to double immigration to nearly 500,000, I do not believe in massive increases in immigration, which only increase the cost to the Canadian taxpayers."

JUSTICE UPDATE

Safe Streets and Communities Act. Promised in our election platform to be passed within the first 100 sitting days of Parliament, it includes comprehensive reforms that had been debated during the previous session, but never became law.

The components of the *Act* include:

- increased penalties for sexual offences against children,
- tougher sentences for organized drug crime,
- Sébastien’s law: to better protect the public from violent and repeat young offenders,
- ending house arrest for serious crimes,
- providing victims with the right to attend parole hearings,
- eliminating pardons for serious crimes,
- additional discretion for the Minister of Public Safety when considering the return of Canadian offenders from abroad,
- increased accountability for victims of terrorism, and
- increased protection for vulnerable immigrants from human trafficking and exploitation.

Our Government received a strong mandate to keep working for safety of Canadians and their families.

Despite the fact that the Opposition continues to delay and attempt to water down this legislation, Canadians can count on our Government’s commitment to standing up for the rights of victims

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SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

Attending business awards in both Vermilion and Sherwood Park Leon took the opportunity to present certificates of appreciation for the excellent service businesses, employers and employees provide on a day to day basis.

“Small businesses are key to the success of our communities. It is through providing excellent customer service and a variety of products which keep customers returning to their businesses. It is by having people continue to shop locally which will in turn keep communities growing and successful,” said Leon about small businesses.

ABOVE: Charlene McFarlane, center, accepts her award for Rookie Business of the Year and is presented with a certificate from Leon. (l to r): Vermilion Chamber of Commerce president Marlene Beattie, Leon, Charlene, local MLA Lloyd Snelgrove and Dion Pollard from the town of Vermilion. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE VERMILION STANDARD.



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ensuring criminals are held fully accountable for their actions. As Leon points out, “it’s interesting that the Opposition wants to treat honest farmers and duck hunters like criminals, yet they oppose tougher sentences for dangerous offenders and sexual predators!”

Citizen’s Arrest and Self-Defence Act. Leon was pleased to see this legislation from the last Session re-introduced. It will clarify the ability to make a citizen’s arrest and streamline and simplify the self-defence and defence of property provisions in the Criminal Code.

“Our Government is committed to putting real criminals behind bars,” he explains. “Canadians want to know they are able to protect themselves against criminal acts and that the justice system is behind them, not against them.

Canadians who have been the victim of a crime should not be re-victimized by the criminal justice system.”

“This legislation provides clear direction on the appropriate use of citizen’s arrest, self-defence and defence of property,” said Leon. “While police continue to be the first line of defence against crime, their presence is not always feasible, especially in rural areas. This legislation addresses those situations.”

Leon explains that C-26 will enable a person to make an arrest, within a reasonable amount of time, if someone is found committing a property-related offence and police are not present.

Eliminating the inefficient long-gun registry. “We have been working for *years* to make this happen,” said a pleased Leon. “Since the legislation was tabled 18 years ago, I have strongly opposed this registry, as have the majority of my constituents. Since our Conservative Government was first elected in 2006, the Opposition has twice blocked the elimination of the registry, and I am thrilled that we are now finally on the way to successfully abolishing it for good.”

The legislation will:

- repeal the requirement to register non-restricted firearms (long-guns);
- provide for the destruction of all records pertaining to the registration of long-guns currently contained in the Canadian Firearms Registry and under the control of the chief firearms officers; and

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- maintain controls over restricted and prohibited firearms.

Under the proposed reforms, firearms owners will still require a valid firearm licence to purchase or possess firearms and to purchase ammunition. They will also be required to undergo police background checks, pass a firearms safety training course and comply with firearms safe storage and transportation requirements. In addition, individuals will continue to be required to register prohibited and restricted firearms, such as handguns.

“Our Government has always been clear; by eliminating the wasteful and ineffective long-gun registry, we can instead focus our efforts on measures that actually tackle crime and make our streets and communities safe,” said Leon. “We will continue to uphold our commitment to effective gun control measures that help keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and off our streets.”

Leon and his colleagues have put in place many effective measures such as putting more police on the streets, fighting organized crime, introducing mandatory minimum penalties for serious gun crime and combating gun smuggling. (For an online version of the legislation, visit: www.parl.gc.ca)

HOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

On October 30th Leon had the privilege of joining with the community of Holden as its fire department celebrated 100 years of service. Certificates of appreciation were



presented by Leon to each member of the fire department as he expressed his personal thanks to each one for the sacrifice they make. “Lending your helping hand so unselfishly, when others need it most, takes time away from your family and work commitments and is indeed a significant personal sacrifice. The fact that you continue to do so is a tribute to your commitment to others and your community spirit,” he said.

David Zayonce, the regional fire chief for CESC, referred to the fact that Holden and all the other fire departments in Beaver County now fall under the first emergency services commission in the province. “Holden is an example of one of the successes,” said Zayonce and noted that all fire departments in the county are extremely well trained.

ABOVE: Leon presents a certificate of congratulations to Holden Fire Chief Blair Ewasiuk for the Holden Fire Department’s 100 years of service to the community. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE TOFIELD MERCURY.



ABOVE: *Prime Minister Harper accepts the Shevchenko Medal from Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Paul Grod.*

PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES SHEVCHENKO MEDAL AWARD

Harper recognized for outstanding achievement, service and dedication to the Ukrainian-Canadian community

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was recently recognized for our Government's many contributions to the Ukrainian-Canadian community and the people of Ukraine. Presented every three years to recognize Canadians, institutions and organizations for their outstanding national contributions to the Ukrainian-Canadian community, the Shevchenko Medal Award is the highest form of recognition given out by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

The Prime Minister promised to continue to acknowledge and embrace the contributions of Ukrainians, their struggles for independence and their contributions to Canadian society.

As Leon points out, the Government has taken decisive action for this community, including passing a bill in 2008 recognizing the Holodomor as an act of genocide, upgrading community centres and social housing in Ukrainian-Canadian communities, and recognizing the internment of Ukrainian-Canadians and others during the First World War. "We are also committed to strengthening bilateral ties with Ukraine and helping with the building of a democratic, independent and prosperous society," explained Leon.

BACKGROUND: CANADA –UKRAINE RELATIONS

Since Canada established diplomatic relations with Ukraine in 1992, the two countries have enjoyed close bilateral relations. Generations of Ukrainian immigrants to Canada have forged historic ties of friendship, reinforced by shared values and interests.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) has been instrumental in advancing the interests of the Ukrainian-Canadian community, by promoting stronger ties between the two nations, identifying the needs of Ukrainian-Canadians and enhancing the role of the community in mainstream society.

Since 2006, the Prime Minister and the Government have:

- Passed the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (“Holodomor”) Memorial Day Act in 2008, making Canada one of the first countries to adopt legislation to recognize the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33 as an act of genocide;
- Supported democratic reforms in Ukraine: during his 2010 trip to Ukraine the Prime Minister publicly expressed Canada’s commitment to support human rights, democratic development, and free and fair elections in Ukraine;
- Sent over 200 election observers to Ukraine for the 2010 Presidential elections;
- Entered into historic Free Trade negotiations with Ukraine in 2010;
- Actively supported Ukraine’s engagement with NATO;
- Renewed Ukraine’s status as a country of priority for international assistance through CIDA in 2009;
- Signed a Youth Mobility Agreement to facilitate travel and exchanges between Canadian and Ukrainian youth , giving young people more opportunity to travel and work in each other’s countries;
- Established the “Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund” in 2008, in response to years of effort by the Ukrainian-Canadian community to recognize the internment of Ukrainian-Canadians and other Canadians of Eastern European descent from 1914-1920; and
- Upgrading community centres and social housing in Ukrainian-Canadian communities throughout the country, such as: the Ukrainian Home of Vita Community Centre, Fraserwood Hall for the Ukrainian National People’s Home Association of Taras Shevchenko and the Ukrainian Villa Church.

Canada is home to more than 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians. In 1991, Canada was the first Western country to recognize Ukraine’s independence, establishing diplomatic relations the following year.

FOCUSSED ON SENIORS

The Government of Canada is working hard to help improve the lives of seniors on many fronts. These efforts include:

- proposing a new Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) top-up benefit to help Canada's most vulnerable seniors. This is **the largest increase to the GIS in 25 years**. The measure will further improve the financial security and well-being of more than 680,000 seniors across Canada. It represents a \$1.5 billion investment over the next five years;
- providing \$10 million over two years to **increase funding for the New Horizons for Seniors program** in Budget 2011 to further the program's objectives by funding a greater number of projects. The program helps seniors use their leadership, energy and skills to benefit communities across Canada;
- **providing Canadians with close to \$72 billion this year through Canada's public pension system**;
- **providing \$2.3 billion annually in additional tax relief** to seniors and pensioners through measures such as pension-income splitting and increasing the age credit;
- **providing \$400 million** over two years for the construction of housing units for low-income seniors;
- supporting positive and active aging through the collaborative Age-Friendly Communities Initiative, Physical Activity Tips for Older Adults, and falls-prevention initiatives;
- appointing a Minister of State (Seniors) — someone who can bring the concerns of older Canadians to the Cabinet table and stand up on their behalf;
- recognizing the significant and ongoing contributions seniors make to families, communities, workplaces and society by establishing October 1 as National Seniors Day;
- creating the National Seniors Council to provide advice to the federal government on matters related to the well-being and quality of life of seniors; and
- providing \$13 million over three years in Budget 2008 to help seniors and others recognize the signs and symptoms of elder abuse, and to provide information on available support.

FIND OUT MORE— *For more information on what the Government of Canada is doing for seniors, visit www.seniors.gc.ca*



IMPROVING RETIREMENT

Canada's retirement income system has been recognized around the world by expert groups like the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as a model that succeeds in reducing poverty among Canadian seniors and in providing high levels of income replacement to retired workers.

Leon and his Conservative Government colleagues continue to take ongoing action to enhance some of the existing structures of this system—ones with a proven record of effectiveness. All told, it provided \$2.3 billion in additional annual targeted tax relief to seniors and pensioners through measures such as: **pension income splitting**; increases in the Age Credit amount; doubling of the maximum amount of income eligible for the Pension Income Credit; modernizing the CPP to better reflect how Canadians currently live, work and retire; announcing a new GIS top-up benefit for Canada's most vulnerable seniors (*see previous page*); improving tax rules for RPPs and RRSPs to support work and saving by older Canadians and to provide sponsors of defined benefit pension plans with more funding flexibility; and ensuring that an employer fully funds benefits if the pension plan is terminated.

"Additionally we've created the **Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)** and **Pooled Registered Pension Plans (PRPPs)**," states Leon. "TFSA's are a flexible, registered general-purpose savings vehicle that allows Canadians to earn tax-free investment income to more easily meet their lifetime savings needs, including retirement savings."

Leon went on to explain that **PRPPs** are a new kind of defined contribution pension plan that will be available to employers, employees and the self-employed. They will improve the range

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MARKETING FREEDOM FOR FARMERS

BENOIT HONOURED TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF C-18

“It was an evening I have waited for, for over 40 years,” said Leon. “On November 28th our Conservative Government voted in favour of restoring marketing freedom to farmers in Western Canada and I was very proud to participate.”

After the vote, Benoit joined a group of about 60 farmers who had travelled to Ottawa to witness the historic occasion, including five from Vegreville-Wainwright. “It was fantastic to have them here representing western barley and grain producers,” stated Leon. “It was a real celebration, not only of marketing freedom, but of the return of a basic democratic right to these hardworking Canadians.”

Benoit pointed out that, unfortunately 120 NDP, Liberal and independent members again voted against the interests of Western Canadian grain farmers.

“As we’ve made clear all along, our Government’s top priority is completing the economic recovery,” he stated. “We received a strong mandate to give Western Canadian growers the freedom to market their own wheat and barley on the open market, and we taken a major step closer to having it realized.”

“We know that Canadian grain farmers have what it takes to succeed in an open market, as demonstrated by the staggering growth in recent years of the canola and pulses industries,” Benoit explained. “I am fully convinced that marketing freedom will unleash the true economic potential

ABOVE: *Approximately 60 farmers from Western Canada travelled to Ottawa to watch Bill C-18 pass the House of Commons. Here, they join the Prime Minister and their respective MPs (Leon is kneeling, far right) for a group photo after the successful vote. The Bill will now move on to the Senate.*

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and entrepreneurial energy of the western Canadian grain sector.”

“I agree with the Minister of Agriculture,” concluded Benoit. “An open market will attract investment, encourage innovation, create value-added jobs, and build a stronger economy – which is good for all of us. Opponents of C-18 claim that we are dismantling the CWB,” says Leon. “That is absolutely untrue—we are not getting rid of the CWB. All we are doing is finally giving farmers the choice to market their product through the CWB or on their own.”

“I have always made it very clear that I support marketing choice for Western Canadian farmers – the same as farmers in Eastern Canada have enjoyed for decades,” states Leon. “Farmers will make their commitment to the CWB known by their support for it in the future.”

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of retirement saving options to Canadians by: providing a new accessible, straightforward and administratively low-cost retirement option for employers to offer their employees; allowing individuals who currently may not participate in a pension plan, such as the self-employed and employees of companies that do not offer a pension plan, to make use of this new type of pension plan; enabling more people to benefit from the lower investment management costs that result from membership in a large, pooled pension plan; allowing for your accumulated benefits to move with you from job to job; and ensuring that funds are invested in the best interest of plan members.

CONTACTING LEON?

Leon receives hundreds of letter, emails and faxes every week. His priority is always to address the concerns of his constituents. In order to ensure his resources are used to assist the residents of Vegreville-Wainwright, please include a mailing address with any correspondence.

CONSTITUENCY EVENTS

Leon very much appreciates the chance to attend events throughout the riding. As his schedule is booked several weeks in advance, he urges organizers to give his constituency office a “heads-up” as early as possible in the planning stages. The contact information is as follows:

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Email: benoil1@parl.gc.ca **Toll free:** 1-800-463-1194

How Can We Help?

The MP office is not an intake point for federal issues, but can certainly make inquiries if a constituent has encountered difficulties dealing with the federal government. We generally only get involved *after* avenues within the respective department have been exhausted.

Both my Ottawa and Mannville offices are glad to help with any problems concerning the federal government, any of its departments, or with its policies. People often contact us regarding Citizenship and Immigration, Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan, Canada Revenue Agency matters and agricultural issues.

We can also help you request congratulatory messages for family or friends (or yourself) for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Please use any of the contact methods found below, or go to my website to send us an e-mail message. **Please remember to include your full address in any correspondence so we can contact you.**



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