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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Last October our government received a second mandate from Canadians to continue to move forward on the issues that mattered most to them. We were elected to strengthen the middle class, fight climate change, walk the road of reconciliation, and position Canada for success in an uncertain world.

COVID-19 has reshaped the world we know, but our government remains committed to these priorities, as well as moving forward on the important issue of finding a path to recovery with long-term solutions to the global pandemic.



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### FIRST YEAR IN PARLIAMENT

- 12,461** Emails sent from my office.
- 18** Meetings on Indigenous and Northern Affairs.
- 25** Committee of the Whole meetings on COVID-19.
- 78** Interventions in the House of Commons.
- 862** Phone calls and meetings since January.
- 20** Bills introduced in the first session, 12 which were adopted.



## POST-CERB INCOME SUPPORT

The CERB was critical at the start of the pandemic to help more than 8.5 million Canadians pay their bills and put food on the table, as we asked everyone who could to stay home. As the economy restarts, some of those receiving the CERB will transition to a more flexible and generous EI program, which will provide them additional features and tools to get back into the workforce.

### The EI system is a more flexible system, and among other things:

- offers resources to help you search for and find a new job.
- offers you the possibility of working while on claim, and keeping a bigger part of your earnings.

### Here are some ways we're making EI better and more accessible:

- Freezing EI premiums for 2 years.
- One-time credit of 300 insurable hours, so you only need 120 hours to qualify for regular benefits.
- Minimum \$500 weekly benefit for 26 weeks.

### To ensure everyone who is looking for a job gets the support they need, we've also created three new benefits to help:

#### Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)

\$500 per week for up to 26 weeks to those who are not eligible for EI, and who still require income support and are available and looking for work.

#### Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)

\$500 per week for up to two weeks, for workers who are sick or must self-isolate for reasons related to COVID-19.

#### Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

\$500 per week for up to 26 weeks, per household, for eligible Canadians unable to work because they must care for:

- a child under age 12 due to the closures of schools or daycares because of COVID-19.
- a family member with a disability or a dependent because their day program or care facility is closed due to COVID-19.
- a child, a family member with a disability, or a dependent who is not attending school, daycare, or other care facilities under the advice of a medical professional due to being at high-risk if they contract COVID-19.

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) has helped 3,481,410 individuals in Ontario.

- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy has kept about 3,000,000 Canadians in the workforce.

-The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) approved loans for 294,813 businesses in Ontario.

## Funding for Milton



Please download the COVID Alert app. It is free to download and lets users know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

## CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

### supporting families in Milton

Monthly payments	Children supported	Average payment
14,820	28,000	\$570

### Total 2019 CCB Payments in Milton

**\$96,710,000**

## SENIORS & COVID

COVID-19 has been particularly hard on seniors, as they are among the most vulnerable to its effects.

### To help seniors during the ongoing pandemic we have:

- offered low and middle-income seniors a **GST Credit top-up**—worth an average of \$375 for single seniors and \$510 for senior couples.
- provided seniors a one-time tax-free payment of **\$300 for seniors eligible for OAS and a further \$200 for seniors eligible for the GIS**.
- helped seniors and others **get essential services and supplies**, such as the delivery of groceries by investing half a billion dollars through partners like the United Way, food banks, and charities.
- helped seniors who have lost their jobs access the **Canada Emergency Response Benefit**, regardless of their pension benefits.
- **reduced the mandatory minimum withdrawals from RRIFs** by 25 per cent for 2020 to ease the strain due to market volatility.
- taken steps to set new, **national standards for long-term care** to get the best support possible for our seniors.
- **temporarily extended GIS and Allowances payments** for seniors who couldn't file their income information on time.
- invested an additional \$20 million through the **New Horizons for Seniors Program** to invest in community projects that reduce isolation, improve seniors' quality of life, and help them maintain a social support network.
- created a new online portal, **Wellness Together Canada** (ca.portal.gs), to connect Canadians to peer support workers, social workers, psychologists, and other professionals for confidential support, and to make it easier to find credible mental health help.

### What are the issues most important to you?

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# CEWS EXTENSION

From the start of the pandemic, we've prioritized Canadian workers and their jobs. That's why we created the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), to help employers keep their workers on the payroll and subsidizing their salaries up to 75%, so Canadians could return to work after the pandemic.

This program has helped save millions of jobs, and to continue this support while we restart the economy, the government has proposed extending it until the summer 2021.

## To help even more Canadians get back to work, we've:

- made the subsidy available to a broader range of employers.
- introduced a top-up subsidy of up to an additional 25% for employers that have been hit hardest by the crisis.



**Note:** Photos without masks were taken before the pandemic. Please listen to Public Health advice and wear a mask indoors or when you cannot physically distance.

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