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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season filled with love and good health. This is also an important time to show kindness to our friends, neighbours, and those who are struggling in our community. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and have a Happy New Year!

A lot has happened during this fall sitting of the House of Commons. Inflation is an issue that is top of mind for many residents. I want you to know that your voice is being heard in Ottawa. This month's newsletter will focus on what our government has done and is

continuing to do to provide inflation relief for Canadians.

In addition to legislation being tabled to address inflation, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, released the 2022 Fall Economic Statement (FES). The FES continues our commitment to make life more affordable by permanently eliminating interest on federal student and apprentice loans, creating a new quarterly Canada Workers Benefit to help lower income Canadians pay the bills, and lowering credit card fees for small businesses. The FES is presented in more detail on this newsletter's second page.

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PALM LEAF AWARD: RECOGNIZING DOLLIE GREENSIDES

Since joining the Legion Ladies Auxiliary in 1960, Dollie Greensides has served as treasurer, secretary, sergeant-at-arms and president.

For her outstanding service to the community, Dollie was awarded a life membership in 1985. This recognition was added to in 1995 with a Meritorious Service Medal, the highest medal in the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The Palm Leaf Award enhances the Meritorious Service Award. Earlier this year I had the honour of joining the Cloverdale Legion in presenting Dollie with the Palm Leaf Award. Dollie's service to the Legion

exceeds that which earned her the Meritorious Service Medal in the first place.

In consideration of Remembrance Day last month, I want to recognize Dollie for her service and dedication to the veterans in our community. Dollie is the perfect example of someone we should all try to emulate when caring for our veterans. Thank you, Dollie.



RESPONSE TO INFLATION: ADDITIONAL GST, DENTAL CARE, HOUSING BENEFIT

Starting November 4, 2022, an estimated 11 million low- and modest-income current GST Credit recipients received an additional payment. Single Canadians without children received up to an extra \$234, and couples with two children received up to an extra \$467. Seniors on average received an extra \$225.

I am proud that Bill C-30, the legislation that

authorized this one time payment, was passed unanimously in the House of Commons. All parties came together to quickly provide inflation relief to millions of Canadians.

The same cannot be said for Bill C-31, legislation related to dental care and rental housing. The Conservative Party and the Bloc Quebecois teamed up and voted No to both of

these measures. Thank you to the NDP for voting in support of Liberal legislation on dental care for Canadians.

The Canada Dental Benefit will provide eligible parents or guardians with direct, up-front tax-free payments to cover dental expenses for their children under 12 years old. **Families can now access this benefit as of December 1, 2022.**

The Dental Benefit will help an estimated 500,000 Canadian children across the country. For those without dental coverage and with an annual family income under \$90,000 per year, the Canada Dental Benefit will provide payments of up to \$650 per year over the next two years (\$1,300 total).

I believe all children should be able to see a dentist, regardless of their parents' income. This is the groundbreaking first step our government is taking in providing dental care for Canadians. I look forward to

We're doubling the GST tax credit to put **hundreds of dollars in the pockets of those who need it the most**



seeing this program expanded in the future to include seniors, people with disabilities, and people with low- and middle-income ranges.

As part of Bill C-31, there is also a top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit. This will deliver a one-time tax-free payment of \$500 directly to 1.8 million low-income renters who are struggling with the cost of housing. I am thrilled our government made housing a priority this fall sitting and I am eager to continue this fight. **Eligible Canadians can apply starting December 12, 2022.**

SMILE!

The Canada Dental Benefit is coming **December 1st!**

We are helping **kids under 12** get the dental care they need.



We're **delivering \$500 in additional support** to qualifying **low-income renters**



FALL ECONOMIC STATEMENT: HIGHLIGHTS

The Fall Economic Statement includes new, targeted cost-of-living support measures to make life more affordable for Canadians most affected by rising prices.

One such measure is permanently eliminating interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans. This will save the average borrower \$410 a year.

We also increased the grace period of repayments so that loans only need to

be repaid once someone's income is \$40,000.

Another important measure is the new quarterly Canada Workers Benefit (CWB). This will amount to \$4 billion over six years, starting next year, to automatically issue advance payments of the Canada Workers Benefit to those who qualified for the benefit in the previous year.

Small Businesses will also see measures that will save them money. Our government is using the promise of legislation as it

negotiates with credit card companies to get them to lower transaction fees without affecting reward points programs. We are doing this while at the same time taxing share buybacks and introducing a new minimum tax regime for the richest Canadians.

Further information on the Fall Economic Statement can be found on the Finance Canada Website at: Fall Economic Statement 2022 (budget.gc.ca).



2022
FALL ECONOMIC
STATEMENT

**More support
for students:**

Eliminating interest on
Canada Student Loans
- permanently!