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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I hope everyone had a restful holiday season and that you're all ready for 2024! It was a pleasure to kick-off my holiday season by participating in the annual Surrey Santa Parade with the BC Vintage Truck Museum.

The 2023 Fall Session in Parliament was a busy one, with several key pieces of legislation being introduced or receiving Royal Assent. One piece of legislation I'm proud to see passed is Bill C-48, which amended the criminal code to strengthen bail reform.

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) was announced on December 11, with phased introduction starting at the end of 2023. All uninsured seniors, persons with disabilities, and children under 18 with a family income of less than \$90,000 will have access to the dental care they deserve by June 2024. The CDCP will be available to all low-income, uninsured Canadians by 2025, helping up to 9 million people access oral healthcare.

I ended the new year with an exciting announcement on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, with the government allocating \$179 million for rental homes in Langley, Surrey, and Abbotsford through the Rental Construction Initiative (RCFI). This money will help with the construction of 590 purpose-built rental homes across four projects. Through the RCFI, we're increasing the supply of new rental developments so Canadians can live and work in their communities.

All the best,



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CANADA'S ECONOMIC PLAN: ADDRESSING AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES

Since 2015, 2.7 million fewer Canadians are living in poverty, income inequality is down by 11 percent, and the gender wage gap decreased by 12 percent. Canada has a strong fiscal position, with inflation sitting at 3.1 percent in November. We know, however, that Canadians are facing challenging times in their day-to-day lives. Here are some supports we provide to help Canadians face these financial challenges.



Photo: National Pensioners Federation meeting

SUPPORTING SENIORS

The Government provides three monthly payments to seniors aged 65+. The **Guaranteed Income Supplement**, the **Canada Pension Plan**, and **Old Age Security** are all adjusted regularly to reflect inflation. Since 2015, we've also made investments in healthcare and dental care to help Canadians, especially seniors, improve their quality of life and maintain their health.

ADDRESSING HOUSING NEEDS

Budget 2022 made \$4 billion available to Canadian municipalities through the Housing Accelerator Fund to improve housing supply. Announcements are already underway across the country! An estimated 129,000 people experienced homelessness in 2016. To prevent and reduce homelessness across Canada, we have also committed nearly \$4 billion through Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy.

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT YOU

The federal government has launched a number of benefits and initiatives that are supporting residents of Cloverdale—Langley City:

- The **Canada Child Benefit** supported 36,800 families in 2022, providing an annual amount of \$7,437 per child under age 6 and \$6,275 per child aged 6 to 17
- The **Canada Workers Benefit** helped 17,610 low-income workers, bringing \$19 million into the riding in 2022
- As of July 2023, the **Canada Dental Benefit** has helped 1,240 kids under age twelve from low-income, uninsured families get the dental care they need. The **Canadian Dental Care Plan** launched in December 2023, with full coverage for uninsured seniors age 65+ by May 2024 and all uninsured Canadians by 2025
- Through the **Union Training and Innovation Program**, the federal government has invested \$481,447 in the riding, supporting projects that improve the quality of training in the skilled trades.

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