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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

It's great to be back in Ottawa representing your voice after a busy summer in Cloverdale—Langley City. We have some important legislation in the works to address affordability in Canada and other concerns constituents brought forward over the summer. In September, the Government announced three new measures to help address affordability. More information about these measures is on Page Two.

On September 23rd, the Museum of Surrey, located in downtown Cloverdale, hosted Filipino Fest, a vibrant celebration of the Philippines. The festival included live performances, dance, music, and ocean-inspired arts from Filipino-Canadian artists and storytellers. Thank you to all the contributors to this wonderful event!

September 30th marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. I attended a memorial at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum, where we honoured the survivors and victims of Canada's residential school system. I offer my gratitude to the speakers and drummers who participated in this memorial and guided us through reflections on reconciliation. Huy ch q'u.

I hope every one enjoyed Thanksgiving with their loved ones. I am thankful this year that I had the chance to visit my parents, Don and Kaye, and celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with them and our family.

All the best,



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## BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to remove the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the construction of new apartment buildings for renters. With Bill C-56, we're encouraging the construction of much-needed rental homes for Canadians.

We're also calling on provinces and territories to follow our lead by eliminating the Provincial

Sales Tax (PST) for new rental housing.

This is another tool for creating the necessary conditions to build the types of housing we need. The removal of the GST for new rental housing supports our ongoing efforts to see more affordable housing built faster.



## REDUCING THE COST OF GROCERIES

While Canadians have been struggling to put food on the table, major grocery retailers have seen record profits. We must address the price of groceries.

Minister Champagne recently met with the CEOs of large grocers to discuss how to bring down the cost of groceries in the near term. These large businesses are expected to present plans by

Thanksgiving. Without providing real relief to Canadians, we intend to take action, not excluding tax measures against these corporations.

Bill C-56 will also amend the Competition Act. This will drive down costs for the middle class and those wishing to join it by making large businesses more accountable to Canadians.

### ADDRESSING THE RISING COST OF GROCERIES BY:

- Calling the heads of major grocery retailers to Ottawa
- Amending the Competition Act

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## EXTENDING THE CEBA REPAYMENT DEADLINE

Small businesses are the backbone of Canada's economy and are the heart of our communities. This summer, I heard from small business owners who worry about being able to repay their Canada Emergency Benefit Account (CEBA) loans.

The Government of Canada is extending the CEBA repayment deadline by one year, giving small businesses

more time to pay off their loans in full.

I am encouraged by these new measures to help Canadians and small businesses. I eagerly look forward to the rest of the fall session and supporting more measures that address housing and affordability for all Canadians, especially those living in Cloverdale—Langley City.

