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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituents,

In our rapidly changing world, we can't control what other countries do, but we can control what we do here at home—and we are choosing to build **Canada Strong**.

Budget 2025 is about this choice—and it is about building Canada's future as a global leader and energy superpower. It is our plan to transform our economy by mobilizing investment, and driving innovation and productivity. Through targeted tax incentives, major infrastructure projects, stronger competition, and a bold new approach to make Canada a magnet for global talent, we are making sure Canadian business and industry thrive so we remain the True North Strong and Free.

And we've already started. We launched the **Major Projects Office** to speed up nation building initiatives. These pivotal undertakings will connect our country, create good paying jobs, and build our economy. The first two phases of nation-building projects already referred to the Major Projects Office are expected to trigger \$116 billion in total capital investment, unlocking Canada's economic potential and cementing our role as a global energy superpower.

We created **Build Canada Homes** to double the pace of home construction over the next decade, and launched Canada's first comprehensive **Buy Canadian Policy**, ensuring public dollars are used to strengthen our supply chains, support Canadian industry and innovation, and strengthen our economy.

Budget 2025 is building a strong, resilient, and competitive economy that works for everyone, because this is how we build **Canada Strong**.

Sincerely,



WHAT BUDGET 2025 MEANS FOR YOU

Budget 2025 **protects the vital programs** that millions of Canadians rely on—**dentalcare, pharmacare, and childcare**—and makes **Canada's National School Food Program** permanent benefitting up to 400,000 children every year.

We continue to support youth through programs like **Canada Summer Jobs**, and senior citizens through the federal government's **New Horizons for Seniors Program**.

The budget establishes the new **Build Communities Strong Fund**, a \$51 billion investment to improve and expand essential infrastructure like hospitals, water systems, roads, and transit in communities across the country, creating thousands of jobs and strengthening our economy.

Provinces and cities must agree to cut red-tape and fast-track housing approvals to access the fund, a crucial tool that ensures all levels of government play a part in solving the housing crisis.

My team is here to help!
Please reach out if you need help accessing federal programs or information.

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In my role as Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, I visited the Crawford Nickel Project—a nation building project vital for a strong, sovereign, and competitive Canada. These key projects, now before the Major Projects Office, will benefit all Canadians by driving economic growth and ensuring the prosperity of communities across the country, including here in Markham-Thornhill.

Budget 2025 includes major tax measures to help make life more affordable for Canadians by:

- Providing a **middle class tax cut** for nearly 22 million Canadians, which could save a typical two income family up to \$840 per year.
- **Eliminating the GST** on new homes up to \$1 million for first time buyers (with a partial rebate on homes up to \$1.5 million).
- Allowing the CRA to **automatically file tax returns** for low-income seniors and individuals to ensure they get the benefits they are owed.

BUDGET 2025 AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Budget 2025 introduces measures to ensure Markham-Thornhill remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. Measures like:

- Hiring 1,000 RCMP personnel, with an investment of \$1.7 billion over four years to increase federal policing capacity across Canada,
- Establishing **The National Anti-Fraud Strategy** that requires banks to implement new, stronger fraud prevention policies,
- And, the new **Financial Crimes Agency** to combat fraud and financial crimes.

These initiatives, alongside **Bill C-14, the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act***, deliver on our new government's commitment to better protect Canadians.

Bill C-14 is taking action on crime by making bail laws stricter and sentencing laws tougher for repeat and violent offenders, supporting law enforcement, and investing in long-term crime prevention.

This legislation builds on previous measures to keep communities safe. We've introduced legislation to **strengthen Canada's immigration system and borders** and to **combat transnational crime, illegal fentanyl, and human trafficking**. We tabled the ***Combatting Hate Act*** and introduced **cyber security measures** to safeguard families and businesses.

Our government is committed to building safer, more secure communities for all Canadians—because when our communities are strong, Canada is strong.



At YRP #5 District Headquarters in Markham.

Bill C-14 introduces over 80 changes to the Criminal Code and will protect Canadians by:

- ✓ **Requiring reverse-onus bail**
- ✓ **Allowing consecutive sentencing**
- ✓ **Imposing harsher penalties**
- ✓ **Restricting conditional sentences**



Budget 2025 and the Defense Industrial Strategy

Our new government is making the largest investment in Canadian defence and security in decades, providing over \$81 billion to position the **Canadian Armed Forces** for success in an increasingly challenging world.

We want to ensure that our military has the personnel, equipment, training, and infrastructure it needs to protect Canadians and strengthen our international alliances and commitments.

Canada's new **Defence Industrial Strategy** will grow our defence sector and prioritize Canadian companies to create thousands of good paying jobs in communities across the country. The strategy is designed to increase the domestic production capacity and the competitiveness of homegrown suppliers.

A key factor of the strategy is to ensure that a significant portion of the money spent on defense stays in Canada, supporting our innovative small and medium sized businesses and investing in homegrown technology that will benefit both our military and our economy.



Budget 2025 and the Climate Competitiveness Strategy

How we respond to climate change is important. The global shift to a low-carbon economy is accelerating, fundamentally changing the rules of economic growth. Countries that embrace this change with smart, forward thinking policies will have a competitive advantage.

Budget 2025's Climate Competitiveness Strategy builds on Canada's strengths as a clean energy superpower. This plan will strengthen the economy by directing investments to decarbonize our key industries, which in turn will boost market access for our clean exports, and create thousands of new good-paying jobs.

Budget 2025 and the Sovereign Public AI Infrastructure

The Sovereign Public AI Infrastructure is the centrepiece of Canada's digital strategy in Budget 2025, backed by an over \$925 million investment to accelerate the growth of the Canadian AI ecosystem.

This funding will help build Canadian owned and operated data centres and cloud capacity, providing Canadian innovators the high performance computing power they need to succeed.

We are securing Canada's digital sovereignty by ensuring that Canadian data and intellectual property remain physically located within our borders, and protected from foreign control.

Budget 2025 and the Strategic Response Fund and Worker Supports

The Strategic Response Fund is a \$5 billion program to help Canadian businesses impacted by foreign tariff challenges adapt to the shifting global landscape.

This fund will help tens of thousands of workers stay competitive. Our government has also introduced a new skills package for up to 50,000 workers, made Employment Insurance more flexible and with extended benefits, and launched a new digital jobs and training platform with private-sector partners to connect Canadians quickly to potential jobs.