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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituents,

The global landscape continues to evolve. Our government is focused on strengthening Canada's economic prosperity and protecting jobs and making life safer and more affordable for families in Markham—Thornhill and beyond. This summer, we've delivered on that commitment by:

- Creating Canada's first-ever **National Food Security Strategy** to bring down everyday grocery prices by increasing supermarket competition, supporting local independent grocers, and strengthening our domestic food supply.
- Increasing the **Canada Child Benefit** to give families up to **\$8,157** per child under 6 and **\$6,883** per child aged 6–17, building on our efforts to ease everyday costs through free school meals, dental care, and investments in childcare and housing.
- Investing an additional **\$2 billion** through **Team Canada Strong** to expand trades training centres and pathways to Red Seal certification — part of a national push to recruit, train and hire up to 100,000 new trades workers to build homes and infrastructure.
- Launching the **Strategic Exports Office** to help Canadian businesses secure international contracts and diversify trade beyond the U.S.
- Investing nearly **\$2 billion** to renew VIA Rail's fleet.

These measures are building on real momentum: in July, Statistics Canada reported our economy added over 75,000 jobs — more than triple economists' expectations—with unemployment falling to its lowest level in two years. But we are far from finished: we're going to keep building, creating jobs, growing the economy, and making life more affordable for Canadians.

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The 31st FIRA RoboWorld Cup & Summit was hosted in Markham—the first ever held in Canada.



Announcing \$3.5M in federal funding to support Markham hosting The Honda Indy 500.



Spending the morning with seniors at Mon Sheong Court.

Federal Infrastructure Investments for Markham-Thornhill

This August, the Government of Canada delivered **\$932 million** in federal funding to Ontario communities through the **Build Communities Strong Fund**, providing over **\$11 million** to the City of Markham to invest in local roads, water systems, transit, and community spaces. This builds on major infrastructure progress delivered this summer—including marking the completion of the tunnel launch shaft excavation for the **\$2 billion+** Yonge North Subway Extension (extending Line 1 to Markham with five new stations serving 94,000+ daily riders), alongside **\$3.5 million** to upgrade local road and event corridors for the Ontario Honda Dealers Indy. Together, these federal investments are helping to build **Markham-Thornhill** strong while building the modern infrastructure needed to keep our community safe, connected, and thriving.



Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Advancing Gender Equality

Every woman and girl in Canada deserves to live free from violence and discrimination, with equal opportunities to succeed and contribute to society. That is why our government has renewed the **National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence** with an investment of over **\$600M**. Through this plan, we're working closely with provinces and territories to address gender-based violence, support survivors, and end the cycle of violence to keep all Canadians safe. Last year alone, National Action Plan funding helped over 1 million Canadians access critical, lifesaving supports. This builds on Budget 2025's **\$660.5M** investment to advance women and gender equality in Canada.

We're strengthening support for survivors of gender-based violence, expanding economic opportunities for women and gender-diverse people, and investing in community organizations. We're also advancing legislation to recognize murders motivated by hate—including femicide—as first-degree murder under the Criminal Code.



Expanding Global Trade

Canada has what the world wants. We're expanding our international trade footprint and connecting Canadian conventional and clean energy directly to reliable global partners. This summer, Canada and Germany's Uniper have signed a first-of-its-kind agreement, under which Uniper will purchase 2 million tonnes per annum of Canadian LNG for up to 20 years, with first deliveries expected to begin in 2032. The deal will supply Canadian LNG to European allies, including Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and the Netherlands, while creating jobs, adding to our GDP at home, and helping the planet fight climate change.

Until last year, Canada relied entirely on the U.S. market for natural gas exports. By diversifying our energy trade and strengthening ties with European allies, we are reinforcing global energy security and building long-term, secure domestic prosperity. Developed in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and delivering best-in-class low-carbon energy, this agreement strengthens Canada's position as an energy superpower.



It's always great to see the Canada Summer Jobs program in action. I visited the Unionville Milliken Soccer Club, York Region Educational Services, and the Canadian Tamils' Chamber of Commerce to meet the students gaining valuable skills and experience, and the employers supporting them. Just a snapshot of the great work happening across Markham-Thornhill this summer.

