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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituent,

As Parliament returns for the fall sitting, I'm proud to be bringing back the lessons I've learned over the summer from constituents in **Markham—Thornhill** to inform our continued work to build Canada Strong.

In the months ahead, we'll build on that momentum by staying focused on what matters most to you: lowering costs, building a resilient economy, protecting our sovereignty and keeping our communities safe.

While global pressures are driving up prices, we're focused on what we can control: putting money back in your pocket, tackling the biggest costs you face and keeping government spending in check.

- Through the **Canadian Fuel Affordability Act**, we are extending the suspension of the federal fuel excise tax until January 31, 2027, with a half-rate phase-in until March 31, 2027.

- Our new **National Food Security Strategy** will grow more food in Canada and bring more competition to the grocery aisle. The recently announced **$1 billion Food-Link Fund** will strengthen supply chains and improve access to affordable, local food for Canadians.

- We are **reining in government spending**, slowing its growth from over 8% to under 2%.

There's more work ahead, and I'll keep fighting for our community, and our country, every step of the way.

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Celebrating community at the Islamic Society of Markham's Carnival.



Recognizing exceptional students at the Tamara Gordon Foundation Scholarship Reception.



Great to visit U+ Toastmasters in Markham, a Canada Summer Jobs recipient.



INVESTING IN A STRONG CANADA

Canada has what the world wants: vast energy and critical mineral resources, one of the world's most educated workforces, free trade access to 1.5 billion global consumers, and the lowest effective tax rate on new business investment in the G7.

Building on these strengths, our government is catalyzing $1 trillion in new investment over the next five years. And the work has already begun.

In September, the Prime Minister brought the world to Canada for the first **Canada Investment Summit**, right here in the GTA. Hosted with the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and the Public Sector Pension Investment Board, the Summit gathered investors from nearly 30 countries who manage more than $100 trillion in assets.

At the Summit, we secured nearly $500 billion in new investment commitments in Canada, including from Canadian pension funds, banks, institutional investors and investment funds.

The Prime Minister also announced the new **Productivity Mega Deduction**, which will cut the effective tax rate on new business investment in Canada from 13 to 6.4 per cent.

This isn't an across-the-board tax cut: it only applies when companies invest in Canada, whether that's expanding operations, buying modern equipment or adopting new technology.

Because when companies grow here, Canadians benefit – with more employment opportunities, bigger paycheques, and a thriving local business ecosystem, from suppliers and services to shops and restaurants.

These investments will create high-paying careers, strengthen Canada's sovereignty, and build a stronger, more resilient economy for today and tomorrow.

The first Canada Investment Summit unleashed nearly $500 billion of new investment in Canada

What does the **Productivity Mega Deduction** mean for Canada?

It will strengthen Canada's position as t**he most tax-competitive country in the G7** for new business investment, cutting the marginal effective tax rate from 13% to 6.4%. That's:

- Less than half the U.S. rate (16.9%).
- Approximately one-third of the OECD average (19.0%).
- Approximately one-quarter of the G7 average (26%)

The **Productivity Mega Deduction** will also cover more investments than before. Approximately two-thirds of capital assets will now qualify, including investments in manufacturing, mining, R&D, railways and more. And businesses can claim it right away, making it easier and more cost-effective to choose to invest in Canada.

Finally, it is permanent. **Businesses and investors will have the long-term certainty they need to invest, build and grow in Canada.**

SETTING YOUNG CANADIANS UP FOR **SUCCESS**

Every summer in **Markham–Thornhill**, we host a **Canada Summer Jobs** (CSJ) celebration to recognize our community's young people and thank the local employers who make summer job opportunities possible. This year, Canada Summer Jobs supported nearly 100,000 jobs across the country. Right here in **Markham–Thornhill,** that included more than 400 opportunities for young people to gain paid work experience and build the skills, confidence, and connections that will help shape their careers.





And there's more to do. The new **Team Canada Strong Youth Placements** program will help young people get their start in construction and the trades. It's part of a broader push to open new paths into the skilled trades and build the workforce Canada will rely on for years to come.

- **$880 million for paid placements** of up to four months in construction and the trades for youth aged 15 to 30, with mentorship and a path to apprenticeship.
- **$5,000 completion bonus** for apprentices who earn Red Seal certification.
- **Up to $10,000** for small and medium-sized employers to hire first-year apprentices.
- **$400 a week** on top of EI for apprentices during in-class training.





Canada is an ocean nation. Our three coasts connect us to each other and the world, carry our trade and sustain hundreds of thousands of livelihoods. As we expand our trade routes and marine infrastructure, our efforts to protect our waters must keep pace. That's why, working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and coastal communities, the government is making **a historic $1.2 billion investment** to keep Canada's waters safe and protect the life they sustain.

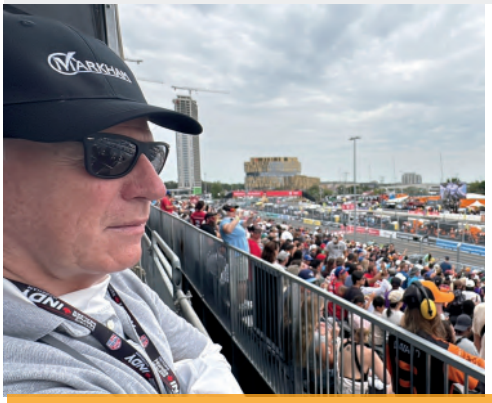
More than $740 million will strengthen marine safety, expanding Canadian Coast Guard capacity, search and rescue, emergency response, and fisheries enforcement. Another $136 million will improve spill response and help reduce underwater noise that harms marine life in the Pacific, Arctic, Atlantic and St. Lawrence.

We are safeguarding the waters we depend on while building a stronger, more sustainable economy.

STRENGTHENING OUR **SOVEREIGNTY**

In our changing world, Canada is taking charge of its future by supporting our Armed Forces, diversifying trade and building projects that will make our country stronger, safer and more independent. Here's what we've delivered so far:

- Introduced the **Building Canada Strong Act**, which will create a more predictable and coordinated framework to attract investment, strengthen worker protections, and support a stronger transportation and trade network from coast to coast.
- Secured more than **20 new economic and security partnerships** across five continents. Our trade agreements already reach 1.5 billion consumers, and new deals from India to ASEAN put us on track to double our reach.
- **The Major Projects Office** has been referred 27 projects worth more than $192 billion, including the Darlington New Nuclear Project and the Crawford Nickel Project here in Ontario.
- Helped unlock **LNG Canada's** $33 billion Phase 2 expansion, the second-largest single private investment in Canadian history, creating more than 6,000 construction jobs and opening new markets for Canadian energy in Asia and Europe.
- **Reached 2% of GDP on defence** for the first time since the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- Announced the **largest clean energy investment** in North American history, a nearly $70 billion agreement to **expand Churchill Falls and build Gull Island** in Newfoundland and Labrador, which will provide enough energy to power all the homes in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver combined.
- Signed the largest shipbuilding contract in Québec's history with Davie Shipyard to **build six new icebreakers**, creating nearly 5,000 good jobs and contributing nearly $650 million to Canada's GDP each year.
- **Brought VIA Rail manufacturing back** to Canada for the first time in four decades, with a $4.7 billion investment to build 313 new passenger cars in Thunder Bay, Ontario, generating more than $1.6 billion in economic benefits.
- **Creating jobs** at nearly twice the rate of the United States, with foreign investment at a two-decade high and Canada now ranking as the most attractive country in the world for infrastructure investment.



Trackside at the Honda Indy in Markham this August. The 3.5M federal investment is helping put our city on the global stage.

Great to see federal investment at work at CES Transformers in Markham. This local, family-owned company is growing, strengthening Canada's energy supply chain, and on track to create more than 150 new advanced manufacturing jobs by 2030.



We are here to help! Federal programs and services can be hard to navigate, and my constituency office team can help point you in the right direction. Whether it's passports, immigration, CRA, Service Canada or funding for local businesses, we can connect you with the right people and programs. We can also help you celebrate special milestones, such as birthdays and anniversaries, with congratulatory certificates and greetings from the Prime Minister of Canada.

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