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During the first week of Parliament, we drafted and submitted our first Private Members' Bill, Bill C-222—Relieving Grieving Parents of an Administrative Burden Act (Evan's Law). This legislation makes life easier for grieving parents while reducing government red tape.



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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Since the House of Commons came back into session this month, we have been working to pass legislation that addresses the challenges we are facing as a country.

➤ **Strengthening Canada's Defence and Security:** Our government is advancing new defence and industrial strategies to meet our NATO commitments. This includes the largest pay increases in a generation for members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the integration of the Canadian Coast Guard into defence operations to support security missions. This expands our domestic manufacturing base and shipbuilding expertise while repositioning these multi-billion dollar investments to count towards our NATO contribution. This ensures that Canada's defence initiatives meet both international obligations and national security needs. Our defence strategy supports Canadian industries in steel, cybersecurity, AI, quantum technology, and other high-growth and job-creating sectors. This fall, our government will introduce a new industrial policy to further strengthen Canada's defence capabilities.

➤ **Investing in Public Safety and Justice:** Our government is taking decisive action to protect Canadians. Measures include cracking down on illegal firearms and hiring 1,000 new RCMP officers and 1,000 new CBSA officers. In addition, we expect three comprehensive legislative packages to be introduced, which will address concerns around bail reform, crime, and a number of other issues. Once this legislation is introduced, we will have an entire future mailer dedicated to breaking down this legislation.

➤ **Eliminating Trade Barriers:** The federal government is removing all 53 of its remaining exceptions under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), many related to procurement, opening new opportunities for businesses nationwide. This builds on Bill C-5, the One Canadian Economy Act, which removes barriers to internal trade and labour mobility. The government will continue working with provinces and territories to strengthen the CFTA and advance seamless labour mobility across Canada. Experts estimate that eliminating internal trade barriers could grow our economy by up to \$200 billion, create tens of thousands of new jobs, and expand opportunities for Canadians.

As always, I will continue to bring your voices to Ottawa and advocate for responsible, inclusive policies that reflect our community's values. If you have questions about any federal legislation, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our office is here to support you.

In your service,

Terry Beech
Member of Parliament for Burnaby North-Seymour

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK Your Voice Matters

Canada Post has recently announced significant changes to make its services more financially sustainable. Do you have concerns or comments about this?

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BIRTHDAY* _____ YES! I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING. **

*Fill this out if you or your child wants a birthday card from Terry

** Check this box to be contacted by our team about volunteer opportunities.

Working for Families in Burnaby and the North Shore

It's exciting to return to Ottawa on your behalf, representing a mix of constituents that I've built a relationship with over the previous 10 years and the 13,000 new neighbours from the western part of North Vancouver. I hope to use my experience and deep roots in the community to drive meaningful change during these consequential times.

Over the previous decade, we have secured historic investments in climate action, cleaner transit, and affordable housing, ensuring that as our communities grow, so do the jobs and services we rely on. Prime Minister Carney has outlined a detailed plan to provide the private sector with a climate of certainty while investing in nation-building projects and attracting a record amount of direct investment into Canada. We will outline progress on achieving this vision in our next mailer.

My most important job remains influencing national policy by listening closely to our community, bringing those perspectives to every table, and building bridges across political lines. Our work with provincial, municipal, and Indigenous partners has shown that real progress happens when people come together around shared goals.

Our office will continue to hold meetings with community members, raise concerns in caucus, and speak in debates to ensure our community's priorities are front and centre. With a background in economics, public service, and entrepreneurship, I will keep pushing for practical, forward-looking solutions. In particular I hope to continue my work in making our federal government more efficient so that we can grow private sector jobs while protecting our progress in childcare, dental care, healthcare and pharmacare.

Ultimately, service is defined not by the position held but by the purpose behind it. I am deeply grateful for the trust I have developed in our community and will never take a single day for granted. This attitude has won our office the "Hardest Working MP in Canada" award for the last two years, and we intend to do even more. If you have ideas on how we can improve our office, our services, or our country, please never hesitate to reach out.



Welcoming CAPU Students Back to Campus

We kicked off the new semester at Capilano University with a community BBQ and festival. It was a great opportunity to serve lunch, meet students, and hear directly about their priorities.

I also had the chance to sit down with the university's executive team to discuss how we can continue supporting students here on the North Shore in this next session of Parliament.

Private Members' Bills: Relieving Grieving Parents of an Administrative Burden Act (Evan's Law)

Private Members' Bills are a unique opportunity for a few Members of Parliament to draft legislation, present it to the House, and potentially have it become law. Every session, there is a lottery, and the top 30 MPs out of 343 are given the opportunity to do so. I am happy to share that we were picked in the #5 spot last spring. We didn't want to waste this opportunity, so I introduced Bill C-222 in the House of Commons in the first week of Parliament.

Sadly, every year, 1600 families in Canada qualify for parental benefits, but then have to deal with the death of their child. In this situation, they immediately no longer qualify for parental benefits and will, in most cases, accrue a liability that the CRA will claw back. They can switch to EI sickness benefits, which is the same amount of funding, but that requires a call to Service Canada and follow-up calls every 2 weeks to maintain their coverage. It is a cruel and unnecessary burden.

Bill C-222 provides an elegant solution. It simply states that if you qualify for parental benefits and your child passes, you continue to qualify. There is little to no incremental cost, as EI sickness benefits and parental benefits are very similar. In fact, there are administrative savings because CRA no longer has to track down these parents, and the parents no longer have to speak to Service Canada. It is a common-sense bill that not only does the right thing in a tragic circumstance but also saves government resources.

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