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The House of Commons is back in session! The Speech from the Throne, presented on September 23, outlined our federal Liberal government’s plan to protect against COVID-19, restart the economy, and build Canada back better! Prime Minister Trudeau highlighted several priority areas.

As COVID-19 is still a threat, our first priority is to continue to keep Canadians safe and healthy. We are focused on distributing an effective rapid test across the country, and on continuing to support provinces with any resources they need to reduce wait times for tests and results. We will also continue to invest in securing a vaccine, by supporting research, building a nationwide distribution network for expedited delivery, and buying millions more doses of promising candidate vaccines.

Next, we will continue to support Canadian workers and businesses as the economy gradually recovers. To help people return to the workforce, we will make historic investments in job training, create a million new jobs, and support workers through an expanded EI and a new Canada Recovery Benefit, both of which allow you to earn income. To help businesses, we will extend the wage subsidy until summer 2021, create incentives to hire and retrain workers, and launch additional support for the hardest-hit industries like hospitality, tourism, and arts & culture.

Our third pillar is to build Canada back better. Climate action is the cornerstone of our economic recovery plan, and **we will immediately announce a plan to exceed our 2030 targets and legislate five-year targets to reach net-zero by 2050.** We will also advance key programs including **national childcare, universal pharmacare, the elimination of chronic homelessness with billions more for affordable housing, and the creation of national long-term care standards.** The Criminal Code will also be changed to penalize those who neglect seniors under their care. We must do better by our seniors; they deserve to live their lives with dignity and respect.

The Prime Minister also announced great news for the arts and culture sector, indicating that we will be introducing legislation to tax foreign digital platforms and use the funds for more Canadian content!

Our plan to restart the economy must be done responsibly and transparently. This fall, the government will release our economic and fiscal plan, provide fiscal projections, and set out new measures to implement all Throne Speech commitments.

Finally, and just as importantly, the Throne Speech announced several strong actions to tackle systemic racism, which impacts far too many Black, Indigenous and other racialized Canadians. These actions include key reforms to justice and policing and much more. We strongly reaffirmed our duty to reconcile with Canada’s Indigenous communities, including **introducing legislation by the end of the year to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.**

I was one of two Liberal MPs to reply to the Speech in the House of Commons! Watch my speech on my website at juliedzerowicz.libparl.ca/videos. And, to read the full Speech from the Throne, visit bit.ly/ThroneSpeechDavenport.

For the latest federal and COVID-19 news, follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram [@juliedzerowicz](https://www.instagram.com/juliedzerowicz).

As always—it is an honour and privilege to serve you Davenport!



Stopping by Little Engine Moving Pictures, an award-winning TV and digital interactive production company, to meet with the team, including Canada Summer Jobs students

A PLAN TO BUILD BACK BETTER

Our federal government presented a new Speech from the Throne on September 23. Below are some key highlights, but there is so much more in the full speech at bit.ly/ThroneSpeechDavenport

Keeping Canadians Safe and Healthy

- ✓ Staying focused on the COVID-19 pandemic—our first priority is to keep protecting Canadians from the virus
- ✓ Deploying new rapid tests across Canada
- ✓ More resources for provinces to expand testing and reduce wait times + more health care funding, on top of the existing \$19B Safe Restart Agreement and \$2B Safe Return to Class Fund
- ✓ Building our capacity to distribute a vaccine as soon as one is ready, by investing in a cross-country distribution system, working with the Vaccine Task Force to secure access to multiple candidate vaccines, and investing in manufacturing capacity at home

Continued Support for Workers and Businesses

- ✓ CERB transitioning to expanded EI for eligible workers + a new Canada Recovery Benefit for those who aren't—both now \$500 per week minimum for up to 26 weeks
- ✓ Wage subsidy (CEWS) extended until summer 2021
- ✓ More support for hardest-hit industries like tourism, hospitality, and arts
- ✓ Creating 1 million jobs to restore employment to previous levels, through training to skill-up workers and incentives for employers to hire and retrain workers
- ✓ Creating more jobs for young people by scaling up the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy

Building Back Better and Standing Up for Who We Are

- ✓ Commitment to implementing national childcare program—plus funding for more spots right away
- ✓ National standards for long-term care homes, and criminal charges for those who neglect seniors
- ✓ Accelerating the implementation of universal pharmacare
- ✓ Immediate climate action: a plan to surpass 2030 targets, and legislated 5-year targets to reach net-zero by 2050
- ✓ Eliminating chronic homelessness in Canada, on top of the \$1B for rapid (modular) housing already announced, with more investments to come
- ✓ Identifying new ways to tax extreme wealth inequality, including by limiting the stock option deduction for wealthy individuals at large companies
- ✓ Taxing digital giants and using the contributions to fund more Canadian content
- ✓ Action on systemic racism: criminal justice and police reform including enhanced civilian oversight; economic empowerment for racialized communities; and tackling online hate
- ✓ Expediting reconciliation: introducing legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by year-end; accelerating co-developed distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation and work on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action
- ✓ There is so much more! Find the whole speech at bit.ly/ThroneSpeechDavenport and watch my response in the House of Commons at juliedzerowicz.libparl.ca/videos



Visiting innovative local small business Maker Bean Cafe



Meeting with the South Asian Women's Centre on emergency COVID-19 supports and immigration services