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Davenport neighbours and friends,

I don't know about you, but I am ready for Spring! I hope by the time you are reading this, it will have finally arrived. Since my newsletter in December, the Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, tabled Federal Budget 2018 on Feb. 27, 2018. Key aspects of our progressive budget are in this newsletter, but if you want to review it in full, please visit budget.gc.ca. Budget 2018 continues to focus on how to best support Canadians, make investments to ensure a successful economy for today and tomorrow, and take concrete steps to ensure an equitable, fair and just society.

In the House of Commons, we are working on several new laws. With Bill C-45, we are on track to legalize cannabis by the end of July 2018. I know many residents are worried about this legislation. I want to reassure you that the heart of this legislation is about preventing youth from accessing cannabis and controlling and regulating its production, distribution, and sale. We are also working on C-59, the National Securities Act. This will strengthen Canada's national security framework with a view to keeping Canadians safe while also respecting and upholding Charter-protected rights and freedoms and the values of our free and democratic society. Finally, C-38 aims to strengthen Canada's efforts to combat human trafficking and better protect trafficking victims. For a full list of legislation under consideration, please visit parl.ca/legisinfo.

As you will see from the photos in this update, I happily attend many Davenport functions across the riding, host consultations with various groups, and meet with residents and organizations advocating on issues important to Davenport residents. As I wait for Spring to arrive, I also look forward to Summer and another chance to bump into many of you! **If there is an event you would like me to attend, please email me with details or contact Kaitlyn in my office.**

I would love to explore new ways for me to hear from you. Among the questions I have for you are: is the Canada Child Benefit having a positive impact on your family? Are we focused on the right things – supporting the working and middle classes, investing in infrastructure that will be the backbone of our economy today and tomorrow, investing in science, innovation and skills, gender equity, climate change action and leadership, indigenous reconciliation, promoting inclusion and diversity? If I did a 'weekly coffee with MP Julie' at coffee shops across the riding, would you come to discuss, debate and share your stories? Do you have other ideas of how I can stay in touch with you? Please email me at Julie.Dzerowicz@parl.gc.ca to let me know.

I, as always, am honoured to represent you in Ottawa and to work on behalf of all Canadians to create a community and a country that we are proud to call our home.

My very best,

Julie



With PM Trudeau & Transport Minister Marc Garneau on Facebook Live, speaking about the voting marathon in the House of Commons



*At the UN representing Canada on Global Migration & Refugees, with Secretary-General António Guterres**



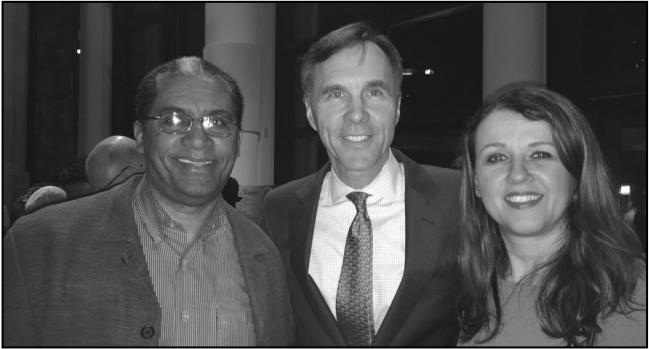
MERCOSUR Roundtable Discussions with International Trade Minister François-Philippe Champagne



Having fun at the Dovercourt Boys & Girls Club's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade



At the Davenport-based video game publisher - Ubisoft Toronto Indie Series Awards



In Ottawa, celebrating Black History Month with Finance Minister Bill Morneau and Eritrean leader Amanuel Melles

#YourBudget2018: Progressive - Middle Class - Growth



Border Safety and Fixing the “No-Fly” List

Several families in Davenport required my assistance when their child’s name was wrongly added to the “No-Fly” List because they share a name with someone who is a potential security threat. The federal government will invest \$81.4 million over 5 years to ensure families aren’t impacted unfairly by the “No-Fly” list.



Co-Hosting Pre-Budget 2018 Consultations with MPs Michael Levitt, Marco Mendicino, Rob Oliphant, and Francesco Sorbara



Environment

The federal government is serious about preserving the beauty of Canada’s nature for future generations to come, tackling climate change, and creating clean growth and jobs for the middle class. We will be investing \$1.3 billion in the environment to protect our ecosystems, landscapes, biodiversity, and species at risk.



Federal Budget 2018 Breakfast Town Hall at New Horizons



Delivering statement in the House of Commons on gender equity and Budget 2018
To view: jdzerowicz.liberal.ca



National Pharmacare

At least one in 10 Canadians cannot afford the prescription drugs they need, and this has a particular impact on seniors. To address this, the federal government has created an Advisory Council with a mandate to study, evaluate, and ultimately recommend the best and fastest options on how the government can move forward on national pharmacare for all Canadians.



Investing in Science and Research

Federal Budget 2018 proposes a historic investment of nearly \$4 billion in Canada’s research system.

We’re supporting the work of researchers and providing them access to the state-of-the-art tools and facilities they need to diagnose diseases, find cures, and innovate. This investment will lead to amazing discoveries and the great jobs of tomorrow!



Improving the Quality of Life of Indigenous Canadians

The federal government is serious about a new nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples. We’ve invested over \$11.8 billion to help address areas of critical need in Indigenous communities like safe drinking water, safe housing, healthcare, and quality education. Since November 2015, our government has lifted 52 long-term drinking water advisories on public systems and is on track to lifting the remaining 81 by March 2021.



“Use it or lose it” EI parental benefits

The 2018 Federal Budget takes concrete steps to increase women’s participation in the workforce. Child care duties continue to fall disproportionately to mothers. The new ‘use it or lose it’ parental benefits will give families up to eight weeks more in parental benefits if new fathers/second spouses take parental leave. This incentive will allow women to return to work sooner if they choose.



Proud to speak at the Vietnamese Women’s Association of Toronto Women’s Day event



“Women in the House” with Laura & Pricilla from Carleton University



Supporting Amigas de Toronto and Poveiros Club - Breast Cancer Fundraiser at LiUNA 183



Hosting Valentina & Mahrukh from the University of Toronto for “Women in the House”



With MC Solange Tuyishime at the “Elevate Women” event in Ottawa



Equal pay for equal work

In Canada, women earn about 69 cents for each dollar that men make. Our government is moving forward with historic pay equity legislation to ensure employees in federally regulated workplaces receive equal pay for work of equal value. We’re also taking action to address sexual harassment in the workplace and gender-based violence in general.



Equal access to education and training

Federal Budget 2018 will support women and girls’ right to choose from more diverse education and career paths. We’re providing money for a new apprenticeship grant that will help women enter and succeed in the skilled trades - such as baking, welding, agriculture, and hairstyling. We’re also helping women grow businesses through a new Women Entrepreneurship Strategy.

Apoiando à comunidade Portuguesa de Davenport



Celebração do 18º Aniversário da Casa das Beiras com o convidado especial Almeida Henriques, prefeito de Viseu – com Bernardino Nascimento / Casa das Beiras 18th Anniversary Celebration with special guest Almeida Henriques, Mayor of Viseu and Bernardino Nascimento



Mesa redonda sobre prioridades na comunidade com Líderes Portugueses / Roundtable discussion with Portuguese leaders on community priorities

Olá a todos da comunidade portuguesa de Davenport. Há tanto para partilhar convosco, começando pela visita ao Canadá do Primeiro-Ministro de Portugal , António Costa, que estará em Toronto com o Primeiro-Ministro do Canadá, Justin Trudeau, no dia 4 de Maio. Além de se virem encontrar com líderes da comunidade lusa e da diáspora ao longo do dia, a finalidade da visita é também de estabelecer melhores relações entre os dois países e de ver como ambos poderão tirar partido do CETA para benefício mútuo.

No que me concerne, continuo a concentrar-me nos assuntos da imigração, tanto nacional como internacionalmente. Tive o orgulho de representar o Canadá nas Nações Unidas, em Nova Iorque para falar acerca de migração global e refugiados, onde me encontrei com o Secretário-Geral da ONU, António Guterres, numa recepção. Convidei-o a vir a Toronto visitar a comunidade de Davenport da próxima vez que esteja no Canadá e disse-lhe que a comunidade portuguesa do Canadá está muito orgulhosa dele.

Tenho estado ainda a trabalhar com vários outros deputados em Otava no sentido de defendermos uma solução que vá ajudar a resolver o problema dos portugueses, italianos e cidadãos da europa de leste que não têm estatuto legal no Canadá. Na minha opinião existe um desfasamento entre as necessidades laborais do Ontário e a política de imigração do Canadá. A maioria dos portugueses sem estatuto legal no Canadá está em trabalhos que precisamos que sejam preenchidos – nas indústrias da construção e serviços - mas o nosso sistema de imigração não tem uma via que lhes permita fazer aqui o pedido legalmente. Há um processo de candidatura como mão-de-obra qualificada, mas exige um nível intermediário de inglês (nível 5) para que o candidato tenha sucesso e muitos europeus não têm esse nível de inglês quando se candidatam inicialmente.

Muitos da comunidade abordam-me para dizer que estão a pagar mensalidades a consultores de imigração porque lhes foi prometido o visto de trabalho ou residência permanente no Canadá. Por favor tenham muito cuidado e certifiquem-se que sabem pelo que estão a pagar. O Canadá não tem um Sistema de imigração corrupto e não se pode comprar a cidadania nem o visto de trabalho. Se tiver dúvidas, telefone para o meu escritório, onde está alguém que fala português e está apto a ajudar e responder às suas perguntas.

Teremos “Clínicas sobre Imigração” com o objetivo de ajudar residentes permantes obterem a cidadania canadiana. Para maiores informações sobre datas em junho e julho, por favor fiquem atentos aos jornais locais ou meu website.

Para finalizar quero ainda mencionar que a cannabis vai ser legalizada e rigorosamente regulada para termos a certeza que a nossa juventude não tem acesso a cannabis até aos 19 anos de idade. O sistema vigente, segundo o qual a cannabis é ilegal, não está a funcionar, pois mais de 30% da nossa juventude abaixo dos 17 anos está a ter acesso a cannabis.

E por último, este ano, pela primeira vez, vamos reconhecer Junho como Mês do Património Português e o 10 de Junho como Dia de Portugal no Canadá. É graças à liderança das colectividades portuguesas e a todos os vossos esforços no sentido de preservar a língua, cultura e tradições portuguesas que pude apresentar esta moção na Câmara dos Comuns, onde foi aprovada por unanimidade. Parabéns a todos. Aguardo com expectativa os momentos em que nos poderemos reunir para festejar essa ocasião tanto em Toronto como em Otava! Como sempre, é para mim uma honra representar a comunidade portuguesa em Ottawa e trabalhar arduamente em nome de todos, para criar uma comunidade e um país ao qual nos sintamos orgulhosos de pertencer.



*36º Gala Annual de Bolsa de Estudos da Federação de Empresários e Profissionais Luso-Canadianos
Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business & Professionals’ (FPCBP) 36th Annual Scholarship Gala*



Encontro com o Ministro do Planeamento brasileiro Dyogo Henrique de Oliveira em Toronto / Meeting Brazilian Minister of Planning Dyogo Henrique de Oliveira in Toronto



*Orgulhosamente apoiando a Gala Beneficente do Abrigo Centre - com Ed Graça
Proudly supporting the Abrigo Centre Fundraising Gala - with Ed Graça*



*No restaurante Chiado, celebrando o Dia Internacional da Mulher com a FPCBP - com Alexandra Silva e sua mãe
At Chiado FPCBP lunch celebrating International Women’s Day - with Alexandra da Silva and her mom*

Working Hard for Davenport



Hosting a well-attended, popular Seniors Information Session at Dufferin Mall



At the Canadian Screen Awards with Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly and Director Manny Danelon



At JJ Piccininni Community Centre hosting a Davenport Marijuana Town Hall with special guest MP Bill Blair



Meeting with the leaders of the Hispanic/Latin American Community discussing how best to serve those in Davenport



Discussing local issues with leaders at the Brazilian Women's Roundtable



Hosting a Davenport Small Business Roundtable to hear from local business owners



"Meet our MP" session with the residents of 1884 Davenport Ave.



Meeting with members of Davenport's Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, & Chinese communities



Productive Davenport Arts & Culture Strategy Session – with local artists and creators



In Mexico City, on a formal Canadian Delegation building Canada-Mexico relations



Answering super-smart questions from students at Shirley St. Public School - Grade 5 class



Meeting with the Davenport "Bread & Bricks" group to discuss poverty issues



*Representing Canada at the UN in New York City, speaking on Global Migration & Refugees**



Speaking in support of MP Anthony Housefather's upcoming private members bill to decriminalize donor sperm and surrogacy in Canada



At the historic Centro Trattoria & Fromaggi on St. Clair with owner Tony Celebre & local Italian residents



Meeting with members of the Canadian Media Producers Association in Ottawa



Chatting with local residents and leadership of the local, award-winning "The Stop" Community Centre



Hearing from the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers – with Barbara Jackman, Alicia, Tina, & Emre



Discussing the importance of supporting Canadian content creation - with the CBC

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