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WORKING HARD FOR DAVENPORT



Valentine's Day with the Hispanic-Latin American seniors at Oasis-Dufferin Community Centre



Announcing federal funding for the Dufferin Grove clubhouse and skating rink — with the amazing and magical Clay and Paper Theatre



Seniors' Health Fair at First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre



Celebrating CHOQ FM at their February Open House



Announcing federal funding to ensure Propeller Gallery owns its own space



Visiting Italian seniors at Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre



Visiting Portuguese seniors at Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre



Visiting the Vietnamese Association Toronto for Tai Chi class



Rogers Road Music Crawl at O' Sole Mio with Nat and Nancy



Hanging out at Ubisoft Toronto — global leaders in video game creation right here in Davenport



Festa das Amigas de Toronto for Breast Cancer



Discussing the Canada Dental Care Program at Terra Nova



Hosting Housing Minister Erskine-Smith for a Davenport town hall



Celebrating Flag Day with Democratic Institutions Minister Sahota at Dark Horse on Geary



Full house at the Canada-US Relations Town Hall with Professor Greenaway



JULIE DZEROWICZ
 Member of Parliament
 Davenport

CANADA —
STRONG AND FREE

WINTER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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Davenport friends and neighbors;
amis et voisins de Davenport :

For the first time in my lifetime, we are experiencing a democratically elected U.S. leader who is violating the international rules-based order, weakening his own country's democracy, actively threatening the sovereignty of our country, and engaging in economic warfare against Canada. It is causing great stress and confusion, not only for Davenport residents, but for all Canadians — and indeed, I would say, for the world.

The focus of this issue is **how Canada is responding to the threats being made by President Trump**. It's important for everyone to know that our Prime Minister has been working on a game plan with provincial, territorial and business leaders for several months.

From my perspective, we have a four-point plan:

1. **Doing everything we can to to stop the tariffs from being implemented** by educating Americans on the impact of any tariffs on their everyday costs and the economic impact on American jobs;
2. Addressing the border issues raised by President Trump with our \$1.3 billion dollar border security plan, while reaffirming the facts — that **less than 1% of fentanyl, and less than 1% of illegal migration, come from Canada into the U.S.;**
3. **Creating a more resilient and strong Canadian economy** by eliminating interprovincial trade barriers and regulations and focusing on buying Canadian;
4. **Working with global partners to redirect some of our trade flows** away from the US to other global trading partners.

As 78% of our trade is with the United States, any transition will not be easy, will take time, and will require each and every Canadian to do our part. As our Prime Minister has stated:

"Now is the time to choose Canada. There are many ways for you to do your part. It might mean checking the labels at the supermarket and picking Canadian-made products ... It means doing all of these things or finding your own way to stand up for Canada. In this moment, we must pull together because we love this country ... and we will get through this challenge just as we've done countless times before: together."

We have also been told that tariffs are part of Trump's negotiation strategy. Our eyes are wide open, and we're very aware of any attempts to weaken our hand before negotiating an updated trade agreement between our countries (e.g., causing instability with our businesses, weakening our dollar, etc.).

It's important for us to stay engaged and informed. Please consult multiple respected, independent, fact-based media sources to ensure that you have access to the facts, and be cautious about information received from social media, which is the "wild west" with no oversight. As well, I send out a weekly update to keep you informed. If you haven't already done so, please sign-up via my website: JulieDzerowicz.ca.

As always, it's a true honour and pleasure to serve you.

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Member of Parliament, Davenport

Immigration Minister Marc Miller and I at a friendly shootout at EarlsCourt Park Skating Rink.



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A MORE RESILIENT CANADIAN ECONOMY

Our next-door neighbour has a market 10x bigger than ours, and that has made it easy for us to take trade with the U.S. for granted. As a result, for too long, we have ignored the regulations, interprovincial trade barriers and red tape that restricts how we move goods and people across our country. Now, 78% of our trade is with the United States, and we have very outdated and nonsensical barriers to moving people and goods across Canada.

In consultation with the business community, our Minister of Transport and Internal Trade **has been moving quickly with provincial and territorial leaders** to determine how to drop as many interprovincial trade barriers as we can to allow small businesses to grow, and different sectors to work together, in addition to moving people and goods across our country more easily. **We are trying to diversify Canada's trade, shifting more of our trade internally and away from the U.S.** As well, the more interprovincial trade barriers we drop, the easier it is to attract foreign investment into Canada.

A few key steps have already been taken — notably: Minister Anand announced (February 21) that **more than half of the existing federal trade barriers will be removed**, which is expected to lower the cost of doing business in Canada and increase productivity.

Provincial leaders are proposing legislation that makes it easier for their business leaders to conduct trade with other provinces and territories.

For example, Nova Scotia introduced a bill to ease trade barriers. Under the proposed legislation all goods produced in another province with similar legislation would be allowed in Nova Scotia and wouldn't be subject to any additional testing or fees. Likewise, any person professionally licensed in another province would be able to work in Nova Scotia.

Other provinces are looking to copy this legislation as business leaders are calling for provinces to adopt **mutual recognition policies**.

Canada's Retaliatory Strategy

Canada and the U.S. share the largest bilateral trading relationship in the world. Nearly \$2.5 billion USD worth of goods and services crosses the Canada-U.S. border each day. Canada is the top export market for 32 American states and Canada is the only top 5 trade partner with whom the U.S. runs a trade surplus in manufacturing.

Trump has alleged that there is a \$200 billion trade deficit between Canada and the United States.

This is blatantly untrue. Taking numbers from the **U.S. Department of Commerce**, the **U.S. had a services trade surplus of \$31.7 billion with Canada in 2024** — if we take out the cheap energy we send down to the United States.

At time of print, the United States has moved ahead with its threat to impose 25% tariffs on all Canadian goods (with 10% tariffs on energy). In response, Canada has introduced \$155 billion of tariffs on American goods in retaliation — \$30 billion worth of tariffs come into effect immediately, with the remaining \$125 billion coming into effect in 21 days if the U.S. does not lift the tariffs on Canada.

It's important for Canadians to understand the core principles behind our retaliatory tariffs:

1. Maximize the impact on Americans and American businesses (particularly in red states);
2. Minimize the impact on Canadians and Canadian businesses, and;
3. Spread any impacts of the retaliatory tariffs across our country — so no one region or sector will have undue burden.

Our Prime Minister also announced that Canada will be taking a number of non-tariff retaliatory actions as well. Chiefly, **Canada will be filing dispute resolution claims at the World Trade Organization and through the USMCA.**

SECURING OUR BORDERS

Trump has alleged that "massive amounts" of fentanyl and illegal immigrants are "pouring" from Canada into the U.S. **This is blatantly untrue.** The data shows that **less than 1% of fentanyl, and less than 1% of illegal migration**, is coming into the United States from Canada.

We know that **illegal drugs and guns are coming the other way, from the United States into Canada, at alarming rates.** In 2024, the Canada Border Services Agency seized almost 18,300 pounds of drugs coming across the border into Canada. The United States' Northern border with Canada represents a small fraction of seized fentanyl — just **43 pounds of fentanyl were seized at the Canada-U.S. Border by the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency between October 2023 and September 2024**, as opposed to 21,900 pounds of fentanyl seized at other U.S. border points over the same time period.

In addition to the **\$1.3 billion we are spending strengthen our border**, in February we announced that we are expanding our border plan. This funding will give us increased resources at our borders — Black Hawk helicopters, drones, mobile surveillance towers, and hiring new personnel and new canine teams.

Our Public Safety Minister David McGuinty is working closely with provincial and territorial leaders to implement this border plan along our almost 9,000 kilometre long shared border.

This border plan is also supported by a \$200 million investment into our intelligence agencies to gather information on organized crime in order to better disrupt it. We have also appointed a Fentanyl Czar, former Mountie Kevin Brosseau. As part of his role, he will be working closely with law enforcement officials to detect, disrupt and dismantle the fentanyl trade. In addition, to further combat fentanyl production in Canada, our Public Safety Minister has announced that we will be introducing additional controls on 3 precursor chemicals in fentanyl and the drug carisoprodol.

Closing Our Borders to Cartels



In February, federal Public Safety Minister David McGuinty announced that **the federal government has listed seven transnational criminal organizations (cartels) as terrorist entities under the Criminal Code**, effective immediately. The seven organizations listed are: **Cártel del Golfo; Cártel de Sinaloa; La Familia Michoacana; Cáteles Unidos; La Mara Salvatrucha; Tren de Aragua; and Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación.**

Listing these criminal organizations as terrorist entities **gives Canadian security, intelligence, and law enforcement agencies more tools to combat terrorism** and curb the financing of cartels in Canada by freezing their accounts.

In speaking with our Public Safety Minister, he will not only be working closely with provincial and territorial leaders, but also with **the Canada Border Services Agency, the RCMP, and law enforcement personnel from the United States.** This is an incredible partnership that has already started to produce results.

From my perspective, despite the fact that less than 1% of fentanyl and undocumented migrants move from Canada to the US, **I am happy with the additional border investments we have made because it will also help to stop American drugs and guns from coming into Canada.** This is one of the top issues that have been raised consistently by police officers across our constituency of Davenport. Public safety is top of mind for our federal government, and this additional investment will go a long way toward keeping our community and our city safe.



Coffee with 13th division police officers and Regal Heights BIA.

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Canada is blessed with the second largest land mass in the world, but a relatively tiny population. This means that we have always been and will always be a trading nation.

Canada is the only country that currently has trade agreements in place with every G7 country, and with most OECD countries.

This is a *strong building block* that will enable us to start redirecting some of our trade between Canada and the U.S. to other countries — to Europe, Asia and the Pacific, and other countries. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended the Securing Our Future Summit that brought together Euro-Atlantic and NATO leaders in late February. 17 Prime Ministers and Presidents joined the summit to reaffirm their commitment to Ukraine. They reinforced the importance of collective security and promoted unity. It would not surprise me if the Prime Minister has also been talking about how to capitalize on the Canada-Europe Trade Agreement and ways to redirect our trade flow from the U.S. to Europe. **This is an area of ongoing focus and effort for our federal government.**

Security and Defense

Trump has asked all NATO countries to step up their spending on security and defense. In February 2024, former NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg indicated that **since 2014, Canada and European Allies have increased defense spending by more than \$600 billion USD.**

Over the last 10 years, our federal government has doubled our defense spending, and we are on track to triple it by 2030. We are also one of 24 countries who have committed to spending 2% of GDP on defense; and all Liberal leadership contenders have committed to accelerating the timeline of achieving the 2% target.

Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty indicates that an attack on one NATO member is an attack on all NATO Allies. This article has been a successful deterrent mechanism, and I believe it has largely been responsible for 75 years of peace and stability.

At time of print, is it unclear whether the US will continue to support NATO. Because of the uncertainty, Europe has started discussing the creation of an alternative alliance for its security and defense and that of the international rules-based order. Canada will also be increasing our own defense spending and we need to be thinking very clearly about the best way to protect our country coast to coast. This includes taking another look at where we are purchasing our equipment and where our investments in defense are going.

Arctic Leadership

Canada is 40% Arctic. We have been focused, over the last few years, on how to better protect our Arctic from a security and economic perspective. Along with increasing our GDP on defense spending in NATO, we have also invested \$40 billion to modernize NORAD, which monitors the North American airspace and maritime defense command.

We have created a new Arctic Foreign Policy that will recalibrate Canada's approach to the Arctic in response to ongoing geopolitical developments, and it outlines new diplomatic tools and policies for asserting Canada's sovereignty and advancing our interests. It, of course, has been and continues to be developed through engagement with the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

In September 2024, Foreign Affairs Minister Joly also hosted her counterparts from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden to deepen the dialogue on security issues facing the Arctic and how they can work together to address them. Visit the Global Affairs Canada website to learn more about our Arctic Foreign Policy.



Meeting NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte at NATO Headquarters.

Made in Canada Directory

As part of our efforts to create a stronger Canadian economy, we are promoting the **Made in Canada Directory**. We want to encourage as many Canadians as possible to **buy local and buy Canadian**. The directory makes it easy for Canadians to know how to identify Canadian companies and products.

In February, I sent a letter out to **all Davenport Business Improvement Area (BIA) Chairs** to encourage them to have the businesses they represent sign on to the **Made in Canada Directory**. If you are a small business owner here in Davenport and have not yet had a chance, kindly sign onto the Made in Canada Directory.



Visiting the local Mexican taqueria with Justice Minister Arif Virani.