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Member of Parliament
Surrey Centre

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Hello Surrey Centre,

I would like to begin with my continued thanks to our community's frontline workers and to everyone who is doing their part to help us overcome the coronavirus pandemic. The last few months have been challenging for us all, but the value of working together to overcome obstacles has never been more apparent. So let's continue our Team Canada efforts and we will overcome these challenging times.

Our federal government recently introduced 3 new benefits to help support Canadians as we continue to build back better from the coronavirus. They include the Canada Recovery Benefit, the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit and the Canada Recovery Caregivers Benefit (see page 4 for more information).

We still have a lot of work to do, and our government has shown in the Speech from the Throne we are committed to ensuring you have the support you need to as we continue to take the necessary precautions to keep each other safe. As the Prime Minister Trudeau said: "We will do what it takes to protect the health and safety of Canadians and to support Canadians and businesses for as long as it takes to build back a stronger, more resilient Canada."

Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE: BUILDING A STRONGER AND MORE RESILIENT CANADA

On September 23rd, Parliament reconvened with the Speech from the Throne to outline our plan to build a stronger and more resilient Canada.

The four foundations:

1. Protect Canadians from COVID-19

- Our priority is to look out for all Canadians, especially our most vulnerable.
- We will make sure Canadians will be able to get a vaccine once it is ready.
- It will take all of us to keep Canadians safe and healthy, and to beat this virus.

2. Helping Canadians through the pandemic

- We will continue to help Canadians put food on the table, keep businesses open, create jobs, support women in the economy, and ensure our fiscal sustainability.

3. Building Back Better

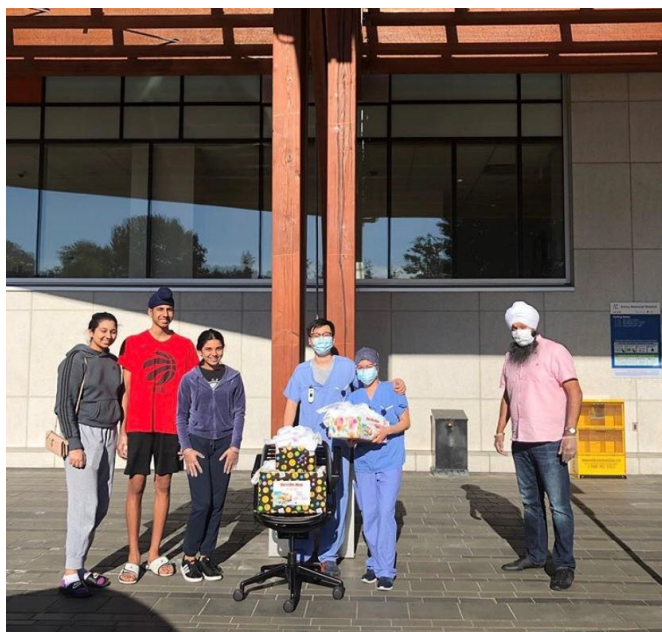
- We will keep strengthening the middle class and helping people working hard to join it.
- We will address gaps in our social systems, invest in healthcare, and build a stronger workforce.
- We will also build long-term

competitiveness through clean growth while fighting climate change.

4. Standing up for Canadians and defending our values

- We will stand up for the values that define our country, embracing our two official languages, celebrating the contributions of LGBTQ2 communities, welcoming newcomers and supporting family reunification.
- There is more work to do to achieve progress on gender equality, reconciliation, and addressing systemic racism.

PROTECTING CANADIANS FROM COVID-19



My family and I delivering meals to front-line staff at Surrey Memorial Hospital in the Spring.

Throughout the pandemic our government has been working around the clock to ensure Canadians have the resources they need to get through the pandemic.

What we will do and continue to do:

1. The federal government will continue to be there to help the provinces increase their testing capacity.
2. As soon as tests are approved in Canada, the Government will do everything it can to see them deployed.
3. We will also create a federal Testing Assistance Response Team to quickly meet surge testing needs.
4. The Government will work to target additional financial support directly to businesses which have to temporarily shut down as a result of a local public health decision.
5. We will continue building PPE domestic capacity, while securing supply chains.

HELPING CANADIANS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

The second foundation of our plan is to do whatever it takes to support Canadians and businesses through this crisis, as long as it lasts.

This is not the time for austerity. Ensuring Canadians are supported through this health crisis is the best thing we can do for the economy.

Canadians should not have

to choose between their health and their job, just like Canadians should not have to take on debt that their government can better shoulder.

We will continue to help Canadians put food on the table, keep businesses open, create jobs, support women in the economy, and ensure our fiscal sustainability.



Announcing the Safe Return to Class Fund with Minister of Digital Government, the Honourable Joyce Murray, at Forsyth Elementary School. This \$242 million of federal funding will support the province with safely reopening schools in BC.

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



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Please continue to consult local COVID-19 public health recommendations. For more information please visit: gov.bc.ca and surrey.ca

For more information on all COVID-19 support from the Government of Canada please visit:

canada.ca/coronavirus

COLLABORATION WITH THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

Over the summer, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the Safe Restart Agreement with each of the provinces and territories.

The BC Government outlined how the province would use the \$2 billion of federal funding, including:

- \$404.5 million
for contact tracing and testing
- \$161.8 million
for healthcare
- \$99.8 million
to support vulnerable populations
- \$809.7 million
for municipalities and transit
- \$405 million
for Personal Protective Equipment
- \$82.8 million
for childcare support
- The Government of Canada will also be covering paid sick leave

STANDING UP FOR CANADIANS AND DEFENDING OUR VALUES

Reconciliation

We will continue to walk the shared path of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, and remain focused on implementing the commitments made in 2019, as we support Indigenous communities stop the spread of COVID-19.

Addressing systemic racism

Redoubling our efforts to take action on hate; increasing economic empowerment for specific communities; take a whole of government approach around disaggregated data; increase representation in hiring and appointments and leadership development within the Public Service.

Protecting our 2 official languages

Advancing the rights of Francophone minorities outside Quebec and the rights of the Anglophone minority in Quebec is a priority. It is the Government's responsibility to protect and promote French not just outside Quebec, but within Quebec as well. That is why, 51 years after the Official Languages Act was adopted, the Government will strengthen the Act in light of the particular reality of the French language.

A welcoming Canada

The Government will continue to bring in newcomers and support family reunification. As part of both the short-term economic recovery and a long-term plan for growth, the Government will leverage the advantage we have on immigration to keep Canada competitive on the world stage.

Canada in the World

Our Government will invest more in international development while supporting developing countries on their economic recoveries and resilience. Canada will also support work to ensure that people around the world have access to a vaccine. We will always stand up for human rights and the rule of law.

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future outbreaks of
COVID-19. Download the
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As a proud member of the Immigration Caucus, I have the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Immigration, the Honourable Marco Mendicino, to update him on the immigration challenges faced by Surrey Centre residents and work on ways to resolve these issues.

Do not hesitate to contact my office if you are experiencing difficulties with your immigration application.

BUILDING BACK BETTER A RESILIENCY AGENDA FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

The pandemic has highlighted the serious gaps in our social safety nets. As part of our recovery, we are going to build a better Canada than the one we had before.

- Addressing gaps in our social systems
 - Protecting seniors
 - Bring forward a Disability Inclusion Plan
 - Create a more resilient healthcare system
 - Keep Canadians safe
 - Build stronger communities
- Build a stronger workforce
- Take action on extreme risks from climate change.



Meeting with the Sustainabiliteens

NEW BENEFITS TO SUPPORT CANADIANS DURING COVID19

Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) of \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks, to workers who are self-employed or are not eligible for EI and who still require income support. This Benefit would support Canadians who have not returned due to COVID-19 or whose income has dropped by at least 50%. These workers must be available and looking for work, and must accept work where it is reasonable to do so.

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) of \$500 per week for up to two weeks, for workers who are sick or must self-isolate for reasons related to COVID-19.

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) of \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks per household, for eligible Canadians unable to work because they must care for a child under the age of 12 or family member because schools, day-cares or care facilities are closed due to COVID-19 or because the child or family member is sick and/or required to quarantine.



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