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Achievements from 2017 and where we're headed in 2018



In January, I had the privilege to speak with constituents at my New Year's Levee and Open House. This was a fantastic opportunity to discuss some of our Government's achievements from 2017, and look forward to what we will achieve in 2018.

Accomplishments in 2017

Job Creation for the Middle Class

Since 2015, our government has created nearly 600,000 for Canadians across the country. Our government is working hard to make smart investments that will create jobs, grow our economy, and provide more opportunities for the middle class and those working hard to join it.

Reducing the Tax Rate for Small Businesses

Small-businesses are the backbone of our Canadian economy and drive economic success in our local community. To support our small-businesses, our government announced it will be lowering the small business tax from 11% in 2015, to 10% in 2018, and to 9% by 2019.

Building up Public Transit

Investments made in infrastructure today will build a brighter Canada for tomorrow. Our government invested in faster, more efficient public transit in 2017. This includes over **\$500 million supporting the GO Transit Regional Express Rail project for the Barrie Corridor** and **\$36 million** to support the planning and engineering of the **7.4km extension of the Yonge Subway Line into York Region.**

Investing in Local Businesses & Youth through the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program

One of my key priorities as your Member of Parliament is to ensure we grow our local economy and that our youth have valuable employment opportunities to equip them for future success. Though the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program, our government **invested over \$600,000** in

local businesses, non-profits and public sector **organizations in Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill to create 222 summer jobs** for full-time students. In January, I hosted an information session for local employers to learn more about the application process and how to apply to receive funding. The deadline to apply closed on Friday February 9th, with the earliest job start date being **Monday April 23, 2018**.

Priorities for 2018

Taxes & Government Accountability

I am committed to investigate ways to simplify and reform the tax process, and enhance the efficiency and information sharing between federal government departments, as well as transparency and accountability of government service delivery.

Precarious Employment

Our government has created 600,000 jobs for Canadians, but there is still more work to do. One of my top priorities is to work to increase not only the quantity, but also the quality of jobs and availability of skills training, with a focus on youth.

Public Transit & Infrastructure

Our government will continue to work hard in 2018 to make infrastructure investments in our local community to shorten commute times, cut air pollution, strengthen our communities and grow our economy.

Join me! Get to Know your Member of Parliament Town Hall – March 24th, 2018

This letter is just a quick update, but I am hoping we can have a longer more in-depth conversation. Join me at the Town Hall on **Saturday March 24th, 2018** from **1:00 – 3:00pm** at **Aurora High School**. I look forward to answering any and all questions you have about our federal government. I look forward to seeing you there!

Have questions? Contact me by email at Leona.Alleslev@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 905-773-8358.

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