

THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY

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LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friend,

Happy Canada Day! I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I know this year has been challenging on so many fronts. At the federal level, we've tried to make sure that the impact of COVID-19 on you and your loved ones has been minimal. By supporting families, small businesses, students, and seniors, we're working hard to provide you with the means to physically distance effectively and flatten the curve to beat this pandemic.

These supports include financial assistance programs for every Canadian and for major industries from coast to coast to coast. Here I have outlined many of these programs that may be available to you and the positive impact they have made, should you need support in this unprecedented time.

This pandemic has highlighted significant gaps and inequalities in our society, and it has emphasized how important it is that we continue our efforts to create a better quality of life for every Canadian. Moving forward we will be working closely with the provinces and territories to address childcare, long-term care facilities, systemic prejudice, and many more challenges. We can and must do better.

Finally, to all our workers in healthcare and other essential industries, I want to thank you. As we stay at home and practice physical distancing, our essential staff are staying at work to make sure we are protected. You are the frontlines against our fight against COVID-19, and we cannot be more grateful.

As always, please reach out to my office any time. We will get through this, and we will do it by working together.



Iqra Khalid
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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS A WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS, GRANTS, AND FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?*

If you need support due to the COVID-19 pandemic, contact me for details at iqra.khalid@parl.gc.ca

*This is an information only service reserved for Mississauga-Erin Mills residents and not a commitment to obtain grants for organizations



Helping Nav Bhatia's Meals on the Move mission deliver hot meals to women's shelters in Mississauga

Sign up for my e-newsletter to receive regular updates:

iqrakhalid.libparl.ca/2020/06/12/email-updates/

FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT YOU

Support for Seniors



We are providing a one-time, tax-free payment of \$300 for 6.5 million seniors receiving **Old-Age Security (OAS)** and \$200 for the 2.1 million lower-income seniors receiving **Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)**. This will be automatically delivered the week of July 6th.

We are also funding local programs to promote wellness and social connection through the **New Horizons for Seniors (NHSP)** program, and to provide delivery and transportation services for seniors.

Support for Families



In May, over 6 million families received a boosted **Canada Child Benefit (CCB)** payment of \$300 per child to help with expenses during the pandemic.

To help support over 1 million Canadians receiving the **Disability Tax Credit**, we are working on a one-time, tax-free boost of up to \$600.

Please know that mental health supports are available to those in need:

- Youth: Text WELLNESS to 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868
- Adults: Text WELLNESS to 741741
- Front line Workers: Text FRONTLINE to 741741

Support for Students



The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) is providing \$1250 per month, up to \$2000 for those living with disabilities, to **over 1 million** students and recent graduates. You can apply from May to August through your **CRA MyAccount**.

This year, we have also created 281 jobs for youth in Mississauga-Erin Mills and 76,000 across Canada through the **Canada Summer Jobs Program**. Local postings can be found at jobbank.gc.ca

Support for Workers



Since launching in April, The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) has provided \$43 billion to support over 8 million Canadians who lost their income due to COVID-19. Applications are still available through your **CRA MyAccount** and you must reapply for each 4-week period.

Other supports for Canadians include:

- Doubling the GST/HST credit for this year, which was delivered in April
- Deferring income tax payments until September 2020
- Delivering a Climate Action Rebate of approximately \$448 per family

Support for Businesses and Nonprofits



The **Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)** has provided over 665,000 eligible businesses with a \$40,000 loan, guaranteed by the government and interest-free for the first year. This is available through **your local financial institution**.

The **Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)** provides forgivable loans to qualifying property owners to cover up to 50% of monthly rent payments, from April to June 2020, under the condition that they lower rent for their tenants by 75%.



We have devoted \$962 million to support regional economies through the **Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)**, available for Mississauga-Erin Mills through **FedDev Ontario**.

For enterprises of all sizes we have expanded **Business Credit Availability Program** loans through the **Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)**.



The **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)** is providing \$75 billion to over 344,000 businesses, helping retain over 2.6 million Canadian jobs. The CEWS covers 75% of employee wages, up to \$847 per week, and is available through your organization's **CRA MyBusiness account**.

The **Canada Emergency Community Support Fund (CECS)** is a \$350 million investment to support charities and non-profits that are helping serve vulnerable populations in Canada, such as seniors and those living with disabilities. Funding is administered through one of three national partners: **United Way**, **Centraide of Canada**, the **Canadian Red Cross**, and **Community Foundations Canada**.



We have also invested \$50 million to support women's shelters across Canada and \$100 million in food security, with 50% going to Food Banks Canada.

Support for Canadians Abroad



The **Registration of Canadians Abroad (ROCA)** is a free service that provides important emergency updates to Canadian citizens currently stuck outside of Canada. You can register at travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration

- For Permanent Residents, you may contact your local embassy or high commission, which can be found at travel.gc.ca

To access the loan program of up to \$5000 for Canadians stuck abroad, you may contact your nearest embassy or high commission, or email CAN.finances.CV19@international.gc.ca

For all other matters, contact the Global Affairs 24/7 Emergency Centre at 1-613-996-8885 or at sos@international.gc.ca

LOCAL UPDATES FROM MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS



GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

I am always so proud of how we Canadians come together in times of adversity. Food delivery programs, women's shelters, and so many more in Mississauga are taking the lead and providing support to our most vulnerable. It is my pleasure to lend a hand in their efforts. Our government recognizes their important work, which is why we are supporting their efforts with a \$350 million Community Support Fund.

SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated to help me raise over \$6000 in April to support the Mississauga Food Bank! Food banks support our communities in our time of need, and now it is our turn to support them. Our government has committed \$100 million to support food programs, and I encourage you to support these essential services if you are able to. On my end, I have donated to the Mississauga Food Bank and Eden Food For Change here in Erin Mills.

VIRTUAL PARLIAMENT SESSIONS

In order to follow safe physical distancing practices, House of Commons proceedings for the COVID-19 committee, comprised of all sitting MPs, resumed through virtual attendance. In these sittings I have raised the concerns that matter most to our riding, including the conditions in long-term care facilities and support for municipalities like the City of Mississauga. Working remotely, I will continue to advocate for the needs of Mississauga-Erin Mills.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA):

- www.ceba-cuec.ca

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS):

- Phone: 1-833-966-2099

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA):

- Phone: 1-800-959-8281

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB):

- Apply by Phone: 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041
- Help Desk: 1-833-966-2099

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA):

- Phone: 1-800-668-2642

Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)

- Phone: 1-877-232-2269

FedDev Ontario:

- Phone: 1-866-593-5505

24/7 Emergency Watch and Response for Canadians Abroad:

- Phone: 1-613-996-8885 (Call collect where available) or
- Contact your nearest consulate: <https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates>

COVID-19 UPDATES AND GENERAL INFORMATION: 1-833-784-4397, Canada.ca/Coronavirus

Please Be Aware of Scams and False Information

So many of us are coming together in these challenging times, but we know that there are some who, unfortunately, use this opportunity to spread false information and prey on vulnerable members of our community. Please be mindful of what you hear and always be cautious if you receive a phone call, text, or email claiming to be from the CRA or offering you government programs. Always check trusted, reliable sources including the **Public Health Agency of Canada, Ontario Public Health, and Peel Public Health**. Notify the police if you think someone is trying to scam you or someone you know.

Peel Public Health: 905-799-7700

Ontario Public Health: 1-866-532-3161

**WHAT
ISSUES
MATTER
MOST
TO YOU?**



THE CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

OUR INVESTMENTS

By the Numbers

- **\$14B** to support our provinces as we kickstart our economic recovery
- Up to \$3B for pay top-ups to essential workers with lower incomes
- **\$2.2B** delivered to Municipalities through the Federal Gas Tax Fund
- Over \$1B into medical research on COVID-19
- \$350M to support charities and nonprofits
- \$50M to support women's centres and sexual assault centres
- **\$750M** to create the Emissions Reduction Fund
- **\$250M** direct funding to support farmers, food businesses, and food processors
- **\$100M** to support Food Banks and food services across Canada
- \$20M to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- **\$62.5M** for the new Canadian Seafood Stabilization Fund
- \$500M COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage, and Sports Organizations
- \$157.5M to support homeless Canadians
- Over \$2B to procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- \$962M to support regional economies through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)
- **\$650M** for COVID-19 health response and income support for Indigenous communities
- **\$90M** for services to Indigenous peoples living off reserve & in urban centres
- **\$430M** to support Indigenous-owned businesses manage the impacts of COVID-19

SUPPORTING A SAFE RESTART WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Our government is ready to provide provinces with **\$14 billion** to provide the things Canadians need over the next 6-8 months. As part of this safe restart agreement, we are establishing a standard of support to keep every Canadian safe and healthy. That means we are discussing **personal protective equipment for healthcare and businesses, safe and affordable childcare** as parents return to work, **immediate assistance to seniors** and vulnerable Canadians, **sick pay up to 10 days** and pay top-ups for essential workers, and building on our government's **\$2.2 billion commitment to support municipalities like Mississauga** that are taking on the costs of keeping residents safe.

INVESTMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

We are investing **more than \$1 billion in support of a national medical and research strategy to address COVID-19**. This strategy includes vaccine development, the production of treatments, and the tracking and testing of the virus.

We have also created the **COVID-19 Immunity Task Force** to oversee a series of countrywide blood test surveys that will tell us how widely the virus has spread in Canada. The task force is providing data that will help us understand the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable populations, while also leveraging new and existing lab capacity for research.

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY

To ensure Canadians have a safe and reliable food supply, we are investing over **\$250 million** in direct funding as well as making important changes to agriculture programs to support farmers, food businesses, and food processors who are working hard every day. This includes:

- **A national AgriRecovery initiative of up to \$125 million** in funding to help producers faced with additional costs incurred by COVID-19 and changing the program so it now covers 90% of eligible expenses, from 70%.
- **A Surplus Food Purchase Program with \$50 million** designed to help redistribute existing and unsold inventories to local food organizations serving vulnerable Canadians.
- Working with the provinces and territories to allow producers to access **75% of their AgriStability payments** to help with anticipated income losses.

MOBILIZING CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

We launched **Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to Fight COVID-19** to help companies that are already making things like masks, ventilators, and hand sanitizer massively scale up production, as well as provide support to those who want to retool their manufacturing facilities to contribute to this fight. **We have spoken to more than 2,900 Canadian companies** offering their support and started inking deals with many of them. As of June 2020, we have:

- Secured more than 340 million surgical masks, 107 million of which have been delivered.
- Purchased 30,000 made-in-Canada ventilators.
- Ordered roughly 121 million N95 masks.
- Received nearly 39 million pairs of medical gloves.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY FEDERAL ISSUE
KINDLY USE THE FOLLOWING SLIP TO CONTACT ME BY MAIL

YOUR NAME: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

E-MAIL (OPTIONAL): _____

Yes, sign me up for e-mail updates from my MP!

Tear off this section and mail it to:

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