



2020 SPRING

# THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY IQRA KHALID, MP

## MISSISSAUGA — ERIN MILLS

### 2020 Spring Edition



## LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

I hope your 2020 is off to a fantastic start! On my end it has been a busy time as we tackle important issues in Ottawa.

Over the past months I've had thousands of conversations with the residents of our riding about the issues that most affect life here in Mississauga-Erin Mills. I value your input, both on what our government has done well and what we can improve on, because it helps inform the decisions made in parliament. Working together over the last four years, we have brought over \$400 million to our riding to support local businesses and organizations, created more opportunities for youth to succeed, and improved the quality of life for our seniors. These accomplishments are shared between all of us in the riding, and I look forward to the great work still to come.

This year is a lot like starting a new chapter in the story of our lives and our country, and that means looking ahead at the goals we want to set for ourselves and for Canada in the coming decade. Moving forward, we are setting ambitious goals to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, laying the foundations for Pharmacare to save you \$3 billion on prescriptions, implementing new tax cuts and incentives to help make life more affordable, and maintaining our commitment to human rights and women's equality in Canada and around the world.

As we proceed in this new term, I look forward to working on the issues that you have told me matter most, and continuing to support community projects and businesses in our riding. In Ottawa I will continue to support important projects across Canada in my second term as Chair of the Women's Caucus, where I will continue to push the needle on gender equality, as well as my new role as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. I look forward to bringing you updates!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for this incredible partnership. I'm honoured to serve our riding of Mississauga-Erin Mills, and I look forward to many more conversations with you. As always, feel free to contact my office any time with your questions, ideas, or even just to say hello. My team and I are here to help.

Kind regards,

Iqra Khalid, MP

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DID YOU KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS THOUSANDS OF GRANTS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE?

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?\***

If you think your organization deserves federal funding, ask me for details at [iqra.khalid@parl.gc.ca](mailto: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

## A NEW TAX CUT FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

You may have heard that, as our first act this session, we introduced a brand new tax cut to help Middle-Class and lower-income Canadians save more each year! To do so, we will gradually increase the **basic personal amount** - the amount of income you don't pay taxes on - to \$15,000 by the year 2023.

On your income tax return you fill out line 300: your basic personal amount, which is applied to reduce the amount of income you are required to pay tax on. Our tax cut works by increasing this amount above the rate of inflation each year to reach \$15,000 by 2023, saving you more money! Let's break this down:

	Sample Income: \$42,000	
	2019	2023 (With the new Middle Class Tax Cut)
Basic Personal Amount (BPA)	\$11,809	\$15,000
Federal Taxable Income (Sample Income - BPA)	\$30,191	\$27,000

This will save the average Canadian family \$600 on their taxes, and for 20 million Canadians this means lower taxes overall. I'm excited to say that the first phase of our tax cut begins this year, so when you fill out your tax return you can already see the benefits!

### OLD AGE SECURITY AND THE GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

We are working hard to make sure that, when you retire, you have the peace and comfort you deserve

- Retirees now receive up to \$1700 more each year thanks to increases to OAS and the GIS made by our Liberal government
- OAS and GIS begin at the age of 65. In order to claim your benefits you will need to fill out the Application for the OAS and GIS forms.
- You can apply to receive your CPP as early as 60.

### THE CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

For four years, our Canada Child Benefit has been putting more money in the pockets of Canadian families, tax-free!

- Up to \$6,500 per year, per child, to help afford supplies and after-school programs
- Over 22,400 children in Mississauga-Erin Mills are benefitting!
- You automatically receive your CCB when you file your taxes. Make sure to indicate on your tax return that you have children.

*NOTE: Only available to those with residency status in Canada*

### CLAIM YOUR CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE REBATE

Last year we enacted two new strategies to help reduce our carbon emissions and grow our economy: putting a price on pollution and giving more money back to you, tax-free, through the Climate Action Incentive Rebate. We promised you that the amount you receive each year would increase, and we are keeping that promise. In 2020 the average Ontario family will receive a rebate of up to \$448!

2020: \$448

HOW TO CLAIM: make sure to fill out line 45110 on your tax return!

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> - Last day to file your tax return
- JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> - Last day to file for self-employed persons

### PSA: BEWARE OF CRA SCAMS

We all know how prevalent CRA scams have become over the last few years. Threatening phone calls and emails falsely claiming criminal charges to extort the vulnerable. The CRTC is working with telecommunications companies to crack down on these predatory practices, but the most effective way to protect yourself is to be informed. Remember:

- Emails from the CRA will never ask for or provide your financial information, and will never contain spelling errors
- Phone calls from the CRA will never use aggressive language or tone, ask for prepaid credit cards, gift cards, or e-transfers, and will never threaten you.

When in doubt, hang up and verify your information online through CRA My Account or by calling the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501

For more information, visit: [Canada.ca/revenue-agency](https://Canada.ca/revenue-agency)

All CRA documentation can be found at [Canada.ca/revenue-agency](https://Canada.ca/revenue-agency)



# EVENTS & UPDATES FROM MISSISSAUGA ERIN MILLS

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### TOWN HALL ON IMMIGRATION

In January, my office had the privilege of hosting the new Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Marco Mendicino, for a roundtable discussion with media and community members. Alongside fellow Mississauga MPs, we discussed a number of topics relating to Canada's immigration system and the expectations Canadians have for the coming term. It was fantastic to see our new Minister already so engaged with our riding!



### SUPPORTING WOMEN IN SPORT

Women and girls represent less than half of the registered competitors in most sports in Canada, and their participation in recreational sports is less than half that of men. Our government is investing in programs to encourage women and girls to get involved, and in the panel organized by the Mississauga Sport Summit, female athletes shared the unique challenges they faced, and how we can take steps at the grassroots level to encourage women and girls to participate.



### BUILDING WINTER KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

In the past four years we have reduced our poverty and unemployment rates to historic lows, however there are still friends and neighbours in our communities who need some extra support. I pitched in with volunteers to build winter survival kits with warm clothes, living essentials, and other necessities for the homeless and families in need in Peel Region. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated and came out to support this initiative!



### GIRL GUIDES OF MISSISSAUGA

The Girl Guides program provides opportunities for young girls in Mississauga to connect, develop new skills, and get involved in their community. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, I attended their general meeting at Thorn Lodge School to discuss the role of a Member of Parliament. Our conversation turned to education, animal welfare, climate change, and other topics these girls are passionate about.



### MEETING WITH STUDENTS AT UTM

Our government has more than doubled post-secondary grants funding and reduced interest on loans to help education more affordable. Students should focus on their studies, not have to worry about their finances. I was happy to meet with members of the UTM Students' Union to discuss the challenges students are facing and what actions our government can take to support them.



### CELEBRATING THAI PONGAL IN MISSISSAUGA

Did you know that January is also Tamil Heritage Month in Canada! Together we celebrate the important contributions our tamil communities make to the mosaic of Canada. On January 18<sup>th</sup> we pushed through the snow and winter storm to join the Mississauga Tamil Association to celebrate Thai Pongal! This festival marks the end of the harvest season and the start of the new year.

## My Community Office has Moved!



Yes, its true. After four years my community office has moved to a brand new home in our riding. The location at 3100 Ridgeway Drive is officially closed and we have opened our doors at the new location! You can find my community office at our new address:

**3184 Ridgeway Drive, Unit 41, Mississauga, ON, L5L 5S7.**

As always, you are welcome to drop by any time and visit!

**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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# OTTAWA



### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

On November 19th, 2019, I reaffirmed my commitment to serve the residents of Mississauga-Erin Mills in Ottawa. As I took the oath, I felt the weight of the responsibility and the trust placed in me by the people of our riding. There is much work ahead of us to keep creating better opportunities for the residents of our riding and all across Canada.



IQRA KHALID  
Mississauga—Erin Mills, ON

### SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE

Since the session began I have spoken in the house on a number of topics including Bill C-3, the CBSA Review Initiative; the tragic murder of Marylène Levesque; and raised the issues I heard from you over last summer. I encouraged all parties to collaborate on the issues that matter most and serve the needs of Canadians. I know that, if we work together, we can overcome the challenges of our generation.



### JUSTICE COMMITTEE

I have been elected by my colleagues to serve as Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. I am honoured to have been elected to this role. Last term we studied major issues such as Access to Justice, Online Hate in Canada, and Human Trafficking. I look forward to chairing the committee and working with my fellow members as we continue to address important issues that impact Canadians.



### WOMEN'S CAUCUS

As we move ahead in Ottawa I am excited to announce that I will be returning for my second term as Chair of the Liberal Women's Caucus and member of the national caucus executive team! There was a lot of excitement in our first meeting as we discussed the priorities we want to set for the coming year. We accomplished a lot in my first term, and I look forward to bringing you updates on our important work as we proceed!

## EVENTS WITH YOU #withmyMP



### UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

**APRIL 30TH**  
LAST DAY TO FILE YOUR  
TAX RETURN

**JUNE 15TH**  
LAST DAY TO FILE YOUR TAXES  
FOR SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS

**JULY 11TH**  
MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ

# WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?

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