

YOUR ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY

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LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

As I write this letter to you, many in Mississauga-Erin Mills are returning from a well-deserved holiday and preparing for a bright and exciting new year. On my end, I have been reflecting on the progress we made in 2022 and looking ahead to our priorities in 2023.

Residents told me that affordability is a top priority, and that was my focus this year. Our federal government finally brought Ontario into our federal childcare plan, which reduced childcare fees for parents like Dominique by half as of the end of 2022 on the road to \$10/day by 2026. We brought significant public and private sector investment in Canadian-made clean tech to make electric vehicles more affordable for drivers, and adopted new grants so Stephen and other homeowners can afford to upgrade to more energy-efficient, cost-saving appliances. I advocated for stronger financial supports on behalf of seniors like Terry, and we delivered with a boost to the Guaranteed Income supplement. And as we feel the impacts of global inflation at home, I brought your voice to parliament to support federal cost-of-living relief such as doubling the GST credit for 6 months and eliminating interest on student loans. We made a lot of progress on these key issues, and we have more work ahead to continue making life more affordable and accessible for everyone.

This was a year of coming together. For the first time in three years, we gathered to celebrate major events like Canada Day and I was delighted to welcome residents back to my fifth annual Erin Mills barbeque this summer. We celebrated Team Canada athletes and Canadian talent. As a nation, we mourned the passing of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and as an Erin Mills family we celebrated the life of trailblazers like Shirley Haslam and Marian Coveny. We responded to crises at home as the Maritimes endured Hurricane Fiona. We supported the people of Ukraine, Pakistan, Iran, and more around the world. We have seen Canada at our best here in our communities and on the world stage. Let us continue to help each other today, and build a better tomorrow for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback. It is an honour to serve our wonderful Erin Mills community. I commit to continue working hard every day to be your strong voice in the Government of Canada.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best in the new year!

Sincerely,

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?*

If you want to know what funding is available, ask me for details at iqra.khalid@parl.gc.ca

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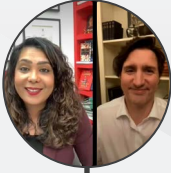
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YEAR IN REVIEW FROM ERIN MILLS



On Let's Talk Day, Prime Minister Trudeau and I had a conversation about mental health on Instagram Live with thousands of participants



My Women's Council and I hosted a virtual session with Canada's Minister for Women and Gender Equality on the topic of women empowerment

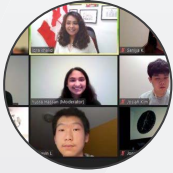


I brought the Government House Leader to Ivan Franko Homes to hear directly from seniors ahead of Budget 2022

On July 5th, seniors over 75 started receiving a 10% boost to their GIS

2022

In January, my Youth Council held a seminar to provide guidance for residents considering post-secondary education



In February, my team and I supported Armagh House shelter during Coldest Night of the Year



We brought women in leadership together for a symposium on International Women's Day in Peel Region

In March, Ontario signed on to our federal plan for \$10/day childcare



In April, my Women's Council and I hosted a childcare information session in Erin Mills with Canada's Minister for Families

In October, My Women's Council and I hosted a networking event for women professionals at Studio.89



At UTM, we announced funding to help Flash Forest plant 1 million new trees across Canada

In 2022, we helped 79 local organizations create 600 youth jobs with Canada Summer Jobs funding



In July, I brought Canada's Foreign Minister to Erin Mills to hear concerns from our residents



In the spring, my Youth Council hosted a panel discussion on mental health for newcomers



In August, we organized an interfaith dialogue with local community leaders and Canada's Public Safety Minister in Erin Mills



As women in Iran protest for their rights, I invited women in Erin Mills to voice their concerns in a community discussion with Ministers



This summer, I welcomed over 4500 residents to my Fifth Annual Erin Mills Community Barbeque!



On Canada Day, we joined celebrations with residents across Erin Mills

On Remembrance Day, we honoured Canadian veterans and those serving in our armed forces



With Canada's Justice Minister, we consulted with at-risk communities from across the GTA to help guide Canada's action plan against Online Hate



On December 12th low-income renters could start applying for federal aid of \$500

Wishing a Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone celebrating in our riding



Happy New Year! 2023

In November, residents received their first doubled GST credit as part of our federal cost-of-living relief measures



In the fall, we held open office hours for residents to come by and discuss their cases and other concerns with me

On December 1st, parents could start applying for the federal Canada Dental Benefit for kids under 12



On December 18th, we joined Solel to mark the first night of Hanukkah

By the end of 2022, our childcare plan cut fees in half for families in Erin Mills

22 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022

1 Permanently increased GIS for seniors by 10% starting when you turn 75

Since 2015, I have worked with residents in Erin Mills to advocate for better supports for seniors. In 2017, I presented a petition in parliament calling on the Prime Minister to establish a Minister for Seniors, which he did in 2018. Income support for seniors was one of my key priorities as Chair of Women's Caucus and I brought federal ministers to Erin Mills multiple times to hear directly from our seniors. This new measure is the product of our advocacy and I will continue working on behalf of our elders.

2 Brought Ontario into our affordable Childcare plan to cut fees in half in 2022, down to \$10/day within 5 years

Over the past 7 years, I have been working with residents and women's organizations to advocate for stronger childcare in Canada. As the chair of Women's Caucus I made national childcare my top priority and raised the issue numerous times in parliament. Our advocacy brought a commitment to implement affordable childcare and expand access to spaces in Budget 2021. After another year of advocacy and negotiations, we finally brought Ontario to the table to sign on to the deal in March 2022.

3 Built and renovated over 300,000 affordable housing units to-date through our National Housing Strategy

We have felt the impacts of rising home costs in Mississauga for many years and I have advocated for affordable housing in every federal budget. Most recently, we brought funding to build 110 new units in Peel Region this summer. Our federal government has made significant progress since we launched Canada's first National Housing Strategy in 2017, and there is still more work to be done. Looking ahead, we are getting the provinces on board to take action by **cracking down on predatory real estate practices that are inflating the housing market.**

4 Delivered new cost-of-living relief measures to support Canadians in the face of global inflation

Our federal government is providing support with our Cost-of-Living Relief Act:

- Up to \$234 for individuals and \$467 for families by doubling the GST credit for 6 months
- Up to \$1300 over 2 years to cover dental costs for children under 12 with the new Canada Dental Benefit
- A \$500 payment for low-income renters through the Canada Housing Benefit

5 Introduced new programs to help reduce your gas and energy costs

As we continue to increase your annual Climate Action Incentive Rebate, our federal government has also introduced new ways to help you save on energy costs:

- Expanded the \$5000 federal zero-emission vehicle rebate to cover mid- and larger-size vehicles
- Introduced up-front grants up to \$5000 to help reduce your home energy costs by replacing oil heating with a more efficient heat pump through the Canada Greener Homes Grant

6. Permanently eliminated the interest on federal student and apprenticeship loans starting in April 2023

7. Created the First-time Homebuyers Savings Account and increased the First-Time Homebuyers' credit to help you afford your first home

8. Banned foreign buyers for 2 years as of January 2023 while we continue to address affordability in the housing market

9. Launched a new Indo-Pacific Strategy to expand Canada's economic and people-to-people ties in the region

10. Supported our Ukrainian allies with training, humanitarian aid, munitions, and pathways for those who need to escape to Canada

11. Delivered humanitarian relief for flood-impacted regions in Pakistan

12. Provided relief and on-the-ground aid to Canadians on the east coast in the wake of Hurricane Fiona

13. Resettled more than 28,000 refugees from Afghanistan as of December 2022, with more on the way to Canada

14. Increased healthcare transfers to the provinces up to \$92.8B for 2022/23 to support Canada's healthcare system

15. Appointed a chief Nursing Officer to ensure Canadian nurses have input in federal policies

16. Mandated 10 days of paid sick leave for workers in federally regulated sectors

17. Brought forward legislation to support Canadians living with disabilities by creating the Canada Disability Benefit

18. Invested \$90M into accreditation programs to help foreign-trained health professionals work in our healthcare system

19. Built the historic Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to protect 30% of global biodiversity by 2030

20. Banned the manufacture and import of harmful single-use plastics and helped small businesses transition to sustainable alternatives

21. Released Canada's Action Plan for Clean On-Road Transportation to help reach our goal of Net-Zero by 2050

22. Clearing backlogs and improving processing times across the public service, including passport services and IRCC

PRE-BUDGET 2023 CONSULTATIONS ARE HAPPENING NOW

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2023
PRIORITIES**



YEAR IN REVIEW

UPDATES FROM

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Updates from Committees

This term, I am honoured to serve as a member of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) and the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy, and Ethics (ETHI). In 2022, I studied issues such as access to information, facial recognition technology, data privacy, and more. You can follow this work at ourcommons.ca/ETHI and nsicop-cpsnr.ca.



Advocating for Residents in Erin Mills

Over the past year I rose in the House of Commons to voice the issues that you told me matter most, such as affordability, housing, childcare, income support for seniors, Reconciliation, family reunification, small businesses and skilled workers, CBSA oversight, and more. I look forward to hearing from you in 2023 and continuing to bring your voice to Ottawa.



Diplomatic Mission to South-East Asia

In the spring, I joined Canada's Foreign Minister for a diplomatic mission to South-East Asia. We met with local NGOs, businesses, and ASEAN officials to discuss our shared national values. Our meetings helped inform **Canada's new Indo-Pacific Strategy**, which includes measures to bolster Canada's presence in the region and increase visa processing capacity in areas such as Islamabad.



Representing Canada on the International Stage

This summer, I was honoured to represent Canada at the 65th Commonwealth Conference and the United Nations Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development in New York. I met with parliamentarians and leaders from around the world to discuss the importance of taking further action to address inequality and build a more sustainable future for all of humanity.



Delegation to Flood-impacted Regions in Pakistan

This summer, 33 million Pakistani people were impacted by mass flooding. In September, I joined the Minister for International Development and a delegation of MPs to visit the region and meet the people, officials, and NGOs working on the ground. Our advocacy brought federal funding for humanitarian aid and Canada will continue to monitor the situation to support those in need.



Supporting Water for Life

In December, I met Human Concern International and Engin Altan Duzyatan in Ottawa for a press conference to highlight their Water For Life campaign, which advocates for access to clean drinking water for Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as communities around the world. We have lifted over 100 long-term advisories since 2015, and the work cannot stop until all have been lifted.

IQRA'S WORK IN 2022 - BY THE NUMBERS



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