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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS

THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY

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LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends

I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are ready for a great Fall ahead! On my end, it has been a busy summer spent connecting with you in hundreds of meetings, hearing your concerns, and bringing your priorities to the Government of Canada. You told me that your top concerns are affordable housing, cost-of-living, grocery prices, climate change, and supporting small businesses - and we are taking action.

Our Canadian government is pushing forward with a real plan to continue supporting the middle class. We will help build more housing by eliminating the GST on purpose-built rental construction and incentivizing municipalities to build more affordable homes suitable for everyone, from first-time buyers to retired seniors. Grocery giants are raking in record profits while they continue increasing food prices. We have demanded their leadership present their plan by Thanksgiving to stabilize food prices for Canadians, or we will take federal action to enforce it. We are also providing extra breathing room for businesses with CEBA loans by extending the interest-free repayment period for another year. These are just a few of the steps we are taking this fall and I look forward to advocating for further action for our community.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who joined us for my sixth annual community barbeque on July 15th. My team and I welcomed more than 5,000 neighbours for an afternoon of good food, live performances, and connecting with our community. It was a fantastic time and I can't wait to see you at my next one in 2024!

Thank you for placing your trust in me to champion our community in the Government of Canada. I hope you will continue to reach out to me in the coming months as we work to support the middle class, build a cleaner economy, and make life more affordable in Mississauga-Erin Mills.

Sincerely,

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MY NEW ROLE AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

I am honoured and humbled to be asked to serve as the **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue** in the coming term. This is an important file that impacts residents, charities, and businesses from coast to coast to coast. I look forward to working with **Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau** to improve these federal services and support our communities in the coming months.



Federal Funding for Mississauga-Erin Mills

\$145K

Invested into activities for seniors through the New Horizons program.

\$800K

Delivered to local non-profits serving our community through the Community Services

\$1.7M

Jobs created for Erin Mills youth with 62 organizations through our Canada Summer Jobs Program.



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SUMMER FROM MISSISSAUGA UPDATES FROM ERIN MILLS

TAKING ACTION ON AFFORDABILITY

This summer, I had hundreds of meetings with neighbours, business owners, and community groups in Mississauga-Erin Mills to hear your concerns. As we begin the new session in parliament, our government has outlined key steps that will help address your priorities:

Eliminating the GST on purpose-built rental construction and working directly with cities to build more housing

Calling on major Canadian grocery chains to come up with a plan to stabilize food prices by Thanksgiving

Extending the interest-free repayment period for businesses with CEBA loans by another year

I look forward to sharing more updates as our work continues. If you have any questions or feedback, please email iqra.khalid@parl.gc.ca and let me know.



My Sixth Annual BBQ

Thank you everyone who joined us on July 15th for my annual Erin Mills Community BBQ! We had a fantastic afternoon with over 5000 friends and neighbours from across our riding and beyond! This was our biggest event yet and it's all thanks to the hard work of my fantastic team of volunteers, and our wonderful performers.



Visiting CFB Borden

Canadian Forces Base Borden is the largest military training base in Canada, where more than 20,000 Canadian Armed Forces members are trained each year. In August, I met some of the brave women and men stationed there, learned more about their work, and thanked them for their service to our country.



Eid al-Adha in Erin Mills

On June 28th, I joined Muslim friends and neighbours in Mississauga-Erin Mills to celebrate Eid Al-Adha. Connecting with residents is always my favourite part of Eid, and this year was very special as we welcomed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Mississauga to join in the celebrations with our community.



Standing up for women's rights

Afghanistan has been facing a humanitarian crisis for over two years, and it has been especially concerning for women and girls in the region. This summer I joined conferences with Afghan women and leaders to discuss the ongoing crisis and how Canada can build on our feminist foreign policy to better support the people of Afghanistan.



Creating good jobs for youth

This summer, we created over 450 jobs for youth with 62 fantastic local businesses and organizations like Music For Every Child and Boswin Robotics. I am glad we can create these quality placements for youth in our community to gain valuable experience in fields such as STEM, early childhood education, arts, manufacturing, and more that will serve them well in their careers.



Working with local businesses

I love to see our business community growing in Mississauga-Erin Mills and I am proud of the work our government has done since 2015 to build an environment where businesses and entrepreneurs can thrive. This summer, I visited small businesses across our riding to better understand their needs and the challenges they face to better advocate on their behalf.

Events with You



Top Row (L-R): Celebrating Canada Day, Meeting with Studio.89, The Erin Mills Youth Centre basketball tournament, celebrating Pakistan Day, Meeting with landscapers
Bottom Row (L-R): the Canada Latina Pageant, Somali-Canadian Canada Day, City of Mississauga day camp, Excellence Eye Care, Presenting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pin