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Message from MP Brian Storseth



Dear Constituents,

As the Member of Parliament for Westlock-St. Paul I essentially have two roles. It is my job to serve you in the riding and act as a liaison between constituents and government offices and programs. My second role is to represent you while I am in Ottawa and ensure your voice is heard when voting on legislation.

Over the past few months I have enjoyed coming back home to work with constituents. I always value my time in the riding as it allows me to host town hall meetings, attend community events and meet with local councils. Please know that constituents are always welcome to drop by my offices in Westlock or St. Paul for assistance with federal programs. My office is available to provide support with passports, EI, pensions, or immigration just to name a few issues.

Rest assured I will continue to ensure your voice is heard in Ottawa. From listening to you I know it is important for me to fight for lower taxes, to get tough on crime, and to stand up for farmers. Please take the time to give me your feedback by filling out the surveys that I frequently send. I read each response and your feedback is valued and appreciated.

As summer quickly approaches, I look forward to wrapping up some important legislation in Ottawa and getting back home to meet with you.

All the best,

Brian

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Serving you in the riding...



Over the past few months I have attended some great events in the riding of Westlock-St. Paul. I always enjoy my time in the riding, whether its attending functions or meeting constituents it's great to be home.

Olympic Torch Ceremony

Residents of Westlock-St. Paul had the opportunity to participate in the Olympic Games when the Olympic Torch made its way through Cold Lake and St. Paul. Everyone who came out showed tremendous support for our athletes and country. The patriotism displayed was truly moving.



Brian with the Olympic torch in Cold Lake.

Town Hall Meetings

In February I hosted Town Hall Meetings across the riding. It was great to see new and familiar faces in Westlock, St. Paul, Elk Point and Cold Lake.

These meetings are a great way for constituents to have face to face conversations with their MP to express their concerns. During these meetings I heard some very enlightening comments on issues such as agriculture, justice, the economy and much more.



Brian and a constituent at a Town Hall meeting in Waskatenau

I will be hosting more this summer and hope you can make it out!

Doctor Recruitment

One of the most important issues constituents constantly raise is the shortage of doctors in rural Alberta. While this is not exactly a federal issue, I am trying to help where I can.

One way my office helps is by assisting foreign doctors with their immigration papers. In February my office helped bring Dr. Akindele to St. Paul.

Additionally, I have sent a letter to every Doctor in Toronto and Calgary showcasing our beautiful riding and inviting them to 'work where they play' by moving their practice to our area.



Brian with Dr. Akindele after assisting with immigration papers to expedite Dr. Akindele's migration to St. Paul

Funding Announcements

Over the winter I had the pleasure of making dozens of funding announcements in the riding to municipalities such as Smoky Lake and Redwater (pictured) for infrastructure projects like roads, arena upgrades, and bridges. I also visited Seniors Centres like the one in Glendon (pictured, right) to announce funding for building upgrades.





While I am in Ottawa it is my job to represent the views of the constituents of Westlock-St. Paul. When in Ottawa it is my responsibility to vote on legislation, meet with stakeholders and attend House of Commons Committee Meetings. Currently I am on the Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committees.

Fighting for Farmers

On March 4th, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty released Budget 2010, which reaffirms our Government's commitment to helping the Canadian economy recover from the global economic downturn while sustaining our economic advantage now and for the future. Farmers will be happy to see that Budget 2010 provides:



Brian reviewing Budget 2010

- \$75 million to ensure Canadian livestock producers continue to have access to competitive livestock processing operations in Canada.
- \$52 million over the next two years for the Canadian Grain Commission to maintain its mandated services and operations.
- Budget 2010 highlights that the Government remains committed to working with Canadian grain farmers to promote marketing freedom.
- Budget 2010 also renews our commitment to building infrastructure such as roads and bridges so that farmers can get their products to market more efficiently.

Locally, I continue to fight for farmers in Northeast Alberta and push for drought assistance in the area. After this dry winter I know it will be important to our local producers.



Brian after a meeting with the Minister of Justice and Minister of Public Safety fighting for more RCMP officers.

Getting Tough on Crime

As you know, laws that protect families and respect victims of crimes are very important to me. Our government has not been shy about making our tough on crime measures the number one priority since 2006.

Legislation has been introduced to tackle violent crime, repeat offenders, white collar criminals, terrorists and young offenders.

I will continue to lobby the government on your behalf to introduce more measures that target criminals. It's time that victims of crime are protected and criminals are punished. I believe our government is on the right track to making this happen.

I Want To Hear From You

Please take the time to respond to this tear-off reply card and return it to me in the mail. If you prefer, you can put this card in an envelope. Either way, no postage is necessary.

1. Please check all that apply to people in your household:

- Senior Citizen
- Military Veteran
- Stay-At-Home Parent
- Business Owner
- Student
- New Canadian
- Concerned about Crime
- Union Member or Supporter
- Farm Owner/Operator

2. What do you think the top focus of our Conservative Government should be?

- Tackling Crime
- Strengthening Canadian Sovereignty
- Continuing to Build a Strong Economy
- Senate Reform
- Environmental Protection
- Health Care

Other _____

5. How would you assess Brian's performance as your Member of Parliament?

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average
- No Opinion

6. How would you assess the performance of the Conservative government?

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average
- No Opinion

Help Me



Liberal MP, Ruby Dhalla's Bill C-428

Currently, in order to qualify for Old Age Security (OAS) there is a ten-year residency requirement after age 18. If this is met, eligible Canadians can start receiving benefits once they turn 65. Our government is taking a fair and responsible approach to providing benefits to seniors. It is entirely reasonable to expect that a person should live in Canada for a minimum period of time before being granted a life-long public benefit.



This proposal by Liberal MP, Ruby Dhalla to lower the mandatory requirement to three years would upset this balance and would cost over \$700 million, a cost which would be paid for by Canadian taxpayers.

Together, with your help, we can defeat this Bill.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Atom 'B' Provincial Champions, St. Paul Canadiens.

St. Paul hosted the provincial tournament in March and came through in first place.

Congratulations to the players and coaches on a successful season.

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