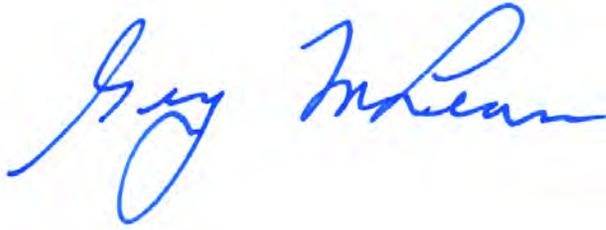


Earlier this week, my Private Member's Bill on Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage came to a vote in the House of Commons and was defeated. Most of the Liberal, Bloc, NDP and Green MPs voted against this measure. That is surprising because most of them would also say that they are supportive of measures to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, would support development of technology that captures and re-uses carbon for useful products, and would also support innovations that safely store the carbon that cannot (at this time) be reutilized. And yet, these MPs voted against a sensible tax measure that would encourage this activity, while also putting Canadian high-technology innovators on the same playing field as their competitors in the United States.

In fact, one of the Liberal Party's speakers to the bill said this: "By capturing carbon dioxide emissions from large industrial facilities before they are released into the atmosphere, carbon capture, use and storage technologies will play an important role in helping Canada exceed its 2030 Paris Agreement emissions reductions target. They have the potential to significantly reduce emissions from heavy industrial processes where other emission-reducing alternatives may be limited." [Mark Gerretsen, Kingston & the Islands]

It is unfortunate that partisan politics got in the way of a good idea. However, the Liberals introduced the consideration of a similar tax credit in their recent budget, after a 90 day consultation period, which just started. [See here for consultation site](#). My Bill was put forth with the input of industry and environmental organizations, aiming for an outcome that will benefit our country, our environment, and our economy. With your input through the consultation period, perhaps we will see this measure re-emerge with a different stamp on the outside -- but a benefit to us all, nonetheless.

I will continue to work toward solutions that combine new technologies with Alberta's core industries to enhance Canada's prosperity while also fulfilling our global obligations on climate change.



Tragedy Uncovered in Kamloops

Many constituents have contacted me to share their horror at the discovery of 215 unmarked graves of residential school children at the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. The legacy of residential schools is a national shame that has had a profoundly lasting and damaging impact on Indigenous culture, heritage, and language. This discovery is a somber reminder that so much more work needs to be done to address the devastating and harmful effects that residential schools had, and still have, on many survivors today

It is important to grieve and show compassion for survivors and the families that were separated under this shameful policy. More than that, the Canadian government must take concrete steps to advance the process of reconciliation with indigenous Canadians.

In a May 31 letter to the Prime Minister, Conservative leader Erin O'Toole recommended:

- Developing a comprehensive plan to implement Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action 71 through 76 by July 1, 2021;
- Funding the investigation at all former residential schools in Canada where unmarked graves may exist, including the site where the remains of 215 children have already been confirmed;
- Ensuring that proper resources are allocated for communities to reinter, commemorate, and honour any individuals discovered through the investigation, according to the wishes of their next of kin; and
- Developing a detailed and thorough set of resources to educate Canadians of all ages on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.

On June 7, I joined parliamentarians from all parties (although more than 60 Liberals abstained) and voted in favour of an NDP motion that made several important recommendations, including that the federal government drop its appeal of rulings regarding adequate compensation and funding for First Nations children.



Another Tragedy in London

This week also brought news of another horror, this one in London, Ontario where four members of a family, out for an evening stroll, were killed, and a fifth member of the family badly injured. Reports indicate that the murder was hate motivated because of their Muslim faith, news that is both horrific and heart-breaking. I can only express my deepest condolences during this difficult time. This type of vile and extreme hatred must be condemned. An act of terror like this has no place in Canada.

The law will deal with the offender, but as political and community leaders, MPs have an obligation to not only speak up, but to actively seek ways to be allies of communities that are threatened by hatred and violence. I will do my best to be an ally and to actively seek opportunities to use my influence to diminish this hateful behaviour.

Standing up for Freedom of Speech: Bill C-10

Conservatives continue to fight the badly conceived Bill C-10. Intended to bring big multinational online broadcasters into line with Canadian broadcasters on taxes and contributions to Canadian content production, the bill has overstepped and now threatens to allow the CRTC to actually monitor and even

regulate postings made online by individual Canadians who are not broadcasters in the normal understanding of the word.

Weeks ago, the Liberals withdrew the section of their own bill that would have protected individual users' content, thus making Canadians subject to broad and vague government powers to regulate their use of the internet, including on apps and social media platforms like YouTube and Facebook. Conservatives have consulted with experts and Canadians from all walks of life who are worried about the consequences of this plan to restrict freedom of speech by over-regulating the internet.

Refusing to admit their errors in drafting and amending the bill, the Liberals, with help from the Bloc, are now shutting down debate on Bill C-10 at committee stage in order to force the bill through Parliament - ironically using a parliamentary gag order maneuver to end debate over potential gag order legislation. This extreme tactic has only been used three times in history – with no government having used this tactic for over 20 years.

Shutting down debate on a bill widely condemned for its attacks on freedom of speech sets a very dangerous precedent. If this controversial bill is rammed through without sufficient debate, a Conservative government would repeal this deeply flawed legislation.

BREAKING

The Liberals are trying to stop MPs from studying C-10 at Parliamentary committees with only **5 more hours to review this internet censorship bill.**



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Around Calgary

Drone technology is advancing here in Calgary! MP Jag Sahota and I toured Canadian UAVs, who are pioneers in a range of drone applications and developing sophisticated AI software to give Canadian industry & defense an advantage.



The large drone is called WhiskyJack, and contains electronics from other Calgary technology stars CDL Systems, Microhard, and Novatel. CEO Sean Greenwood is with MP Sahota and me with the WhiskyJack UAV.



The “bucky ball” drone is designed for enclosed space inspections – the outer shell stops the propellers from striking objects. CUAV is advancing Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLS) operations, expanding the range remote pilots can reach from 1.5km to 11km. A great example of Calgary’s growing tech sector – thanks for the tour! Learn more at <https://canadianuavs.com/>



My team and I did some doorknocking in the Glengarry neighbourhood of Calgary Centre on the May 22 weekend. Want to come doorknocking with me over the summer? Let me know!

Please get in touch if there's anything my office can do for you.

Greg McLean, MP
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