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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Friends,

I know that these last few months have been challenging as we've had to navigate this difficult and unprecedented time. But it's been heartening to see all of us come together as a community, and find strength and support from our neighbours, friends, and family. Whether it is volunteering at a local food drive, donating supplies to local healthcare centres, or working on the front-lines – the people of Markham—Thornhill have proven to be stronger and more compassionate than ever.

As your Member of Parliament, I have been working closely with community and business leaders to listen and better understand the needs of you, your family, and everyone in our community. Our government has taken strong action to support you in these extraordinary times, whether it's boosting the Canada Child Benefit to help you raise your family, supporting students and our seniors, and helping small business owners and workers weather this storm.

Along with many other challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought a rise in racism against Asian Canadians – which we cannot let go unchecked. Hate and violence have no place in Canada. I recently spoke out against

this in my op-ed in the Toronto Star on May 2nd, where I wrote about the need for all Canadians to celebrate our diversity, and defend the values that make our country strong.

As we look to the weeks and months ahead, let's continue to come together, and look out for one another. I want you to know that your government is working hard to ensure that all Canadians get through crisis. I look forward to seeing and speaking with you in person again soon.

Sincerely,

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TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19):



follow the advice
of your local public
health authority



wash your hands often
with soap and water
for at least 20 seconds



use alcohol-based
hand sanitizer
if soap and water
are not available



try not to touch
your eyes, nose
or mouth



avoid close
contact with
people who
are sick



cough and
sneeze into
your sleeve and
not your hands



stay home as much
as possible and if
you need to leave
the house practice
physical distancing
(approximately 2 m)



Following the advice of Canadian health officials, my constituency office will remain closed to in-person appointments until further notice. Please email Mary.Ng@parl.gc.ca or call 905-479-8100 for assistance.

CANADA'S COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

In these extraordinary times, no one should have to worry about paying their bills, covering their rent, or putting food on the table. Our government is unwavering in our support for all Canadians, for our healthcare system, and for our economy. We provided immediate help to Canadians and businesses in need, so that as we begin to safely reopen and restart, our people can get back to work and businesses can bounce back quickly.

Here are some of the ways our COVID-19 Economic Response Plan is supporting Canadians.



Giving money to students and creating jobs for young people amid this crisis.



Offering \$40k interest-free loans for small business owners & entrepreneurs to help them bridge through this difficult period.



Increasing the Canada Child Benefit & a top-up to help with increased costs of raising a family.



Saving Canadian jobs & helping small business owners pay their employees with the 75% wage subsidy.



Funding local organizations & initiatives that help vulnerable people in our communities.



Funding Canadian science and research to help us fight COVID-19 & develop a vaccine.



Giving Canadians extra time to file their income taxes.



Giving \$2,000 a month to Canadians who had their paycheque reduced to help them pay their bills and put food on the table.



Helping our seniors by topping up Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement.



Helping homeowners pay their bills by deferring mortgage payments for 6 months.



Reducing commercial rent by 75% for small business owners who have been severely impacted by COVID-19.



Giving low-income essential workers a raise in partnership with the provinces.



Securing Canada's food supply chains by supporting farmers and food production workers.



Bringing thousands of Canadians safely back home from abroad.



Mobilizing thousands of innovative businesses to produce personal protective equipment and create made-in-Canada solutions for essential supplies.



For more information on our measures, visit Canada.ca/COVID19 or contact my office at Mary.Ng@parl.gc.ca

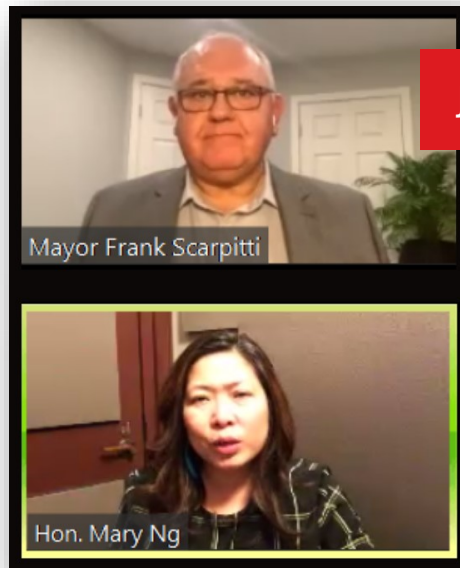
CONNECTING WITH MARKHAM—THORNHILL



100+ phone calls with community leaders & constituents



Interacted with 1000+ constituents via Zoom & Facebook Live



JOINED THE PEOPLE OF MARKHAM FOR #MAYORSMEETUP ON ZOOM

I joined Mayor Scarpitti's second #MayorsMeetUp to answer questions from people in Markham. It was a great way to connect virtually with our community and to check in with how everyone is doing at this difficult time.

In my role as Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, I also spoke with local business owners about our wide range supports in place to help them, and received valuable feedback about how things were working and where they could be improved.

CONNECTING WITH CHINESE—CANADIAN BUSINESSES

I appreciated the chance to connect with close to 90 Chinese-Canadian business leaders from across Ontario and Quebec. We discussed how their businesses are coping with the crises, the need to fight against anti-Asian racism, and how our government can help their businesses and employees prepare to restart and build once it's safe to do so.



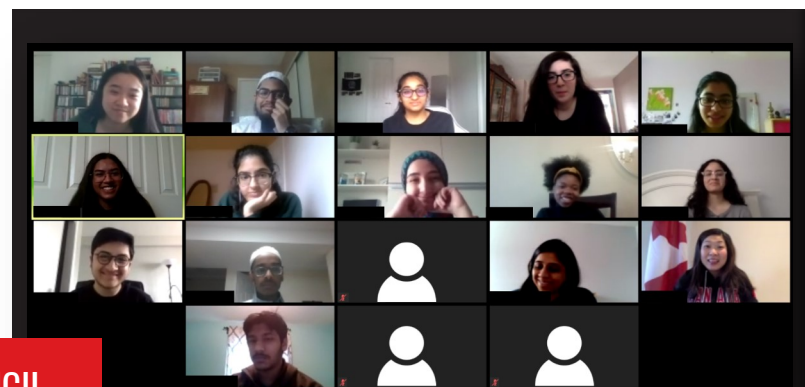
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL WITH YORK RESIDENTS

I joined my York Region colleagues, MP Tony Van Bynen and MP Dr. Helena Jaczek, as they hosted a virtual town hall with people across York Region to talk about how they were doing and what government supports are available to them to help them through this difficult time.

Keeping in touch with my constituency youth council is always important to me — especially in these unprecedented times. Their input and advocacy is truly invaluable to me — and they bring necessary and diverse perspectives to the challenges we're facing.

Like many young Canadians, they shared their feelings of anxiety and uncertainty that COVID-19 brought in their everyday lives, and what the future looks like beyond the current crisis. I left our discussion with an invigorated energy and drive to make our community and our country a better place for all Canadians.

SPOKE WITH MY CONSTITUENCY YOUTH COUNCIL



WORKING FOR YOU ON PARLIAMENT HILL

March
2020



While most days I'm working from home, there are some where I find myself on Parliament Hill in my duties as a Cabinet Minister and member of the Special Committee on COVID-19.

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I joined the debate on our plan to help Canadian families, workers, and businesses get the support they need to get through the COVID-19 pandemic.

April
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Support for employers to keep Canadians on payroll became available as we launched the application for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.

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I spent many years at post-secondary institutions where I met incredible young people contributing their ideas, service, and entrepreneurialism to better Canada. So, it struck a personal note for me when debating the Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act to ensure that young people and students are getting the help they need during the uncertain times COVID-19 has brought them.

May
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Among my fellow G20 trade ministers, we discussed virtually how we can collectively maintain open trade, and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on our businesses, workers, and people.

May
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The week of May 16th, we announced new funding to support women entrepreneurs, expanded the CEBA loan to sole proprietors and those with contracted employees, and announced when applications would open for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance.



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