As we look back on the past year of the Liberal government, I wanted to update you on what the Liberal team has done to grow the middle class and to help those working hard to join it.

At the beginning of this year we first put in place the middle class tax cut - because we know when middle class Canadians have more money in their pockets to save, invest, and grow the economy, we all benefit. We cut the middle income tax bracket to 20.5 percent from 22 percent – a seven percent reduction. This tax relief is worth up to $670 per person, per year – or $1,340 for a two-income household.

In July, families started receiving the Canada Child Benefit. Right now, it's helping lift 300,000 kids out of poverty. Parents now receive more money, tax-free, to help with the high cost of raising their kids. And this fall, we are strengthening the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) to provide a more secure retirement and better quality of life for Canadians. Strengthening the CPP not only provides retirement security for more Canadians, it creates jobs and has a positive, long-term effect on the Canadian economy.

We are making historic investments in infrastructure, including social infrastructure, that will promote inclusive growth, improve access to affordable housing, and build stronger communities. We’re committed to making life better for each and every Canadian family, with a long term vision to grow the middle class and create a strong economy for future generations.
Educating the next generation of leaders!

Mike had his first meeting with the Hastings—Lennox and Addington Youth Council at the Napanee High School on October 13th. The council is composed of youth aged 15-19 from throughout the riding.

Young people can’t afford their education and this prevents them from acquiring the skills they need to get a good job and join the middle class.

That’s why we’re making significant changes to student financial assistance that will help young people build their best futures.

We’ve also introduced a new Teacher and Early Childhood Educator School Supply Tax Benefit. All certified teachers can receive a tax benefit for the purchase of $1,000 worth of school supplies each year. This means teachers can provide students with more and better school supplies, such as educational technology and software, books, art supplies, and posters, that can be used to enrich and support learning.

Real benefits for students

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Find out how you can apply here: www.esdc.gc.ca/en/student_grants/csg/index.page

Let’s ensure all young people in Hastings—Lennox and Addington have the best chance at success!

Pricing Carbon Pollution

I had the honour of standing in the House of Commons as the first Liberal Caucus member after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to give a speech urging Parliament to ratify the Paris Agreement on climate change. In a show of non-partisanship, I shared my speaking time with Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party.

In my speech, I drew on our local experience with parts of the riding experiencing the most severe drought since 1888. I also spoke about the ability of protected areas such as Bon Echo Park to sequester carbon while providing habitat for wildlife and awe-inspiring sights for visitors.

Our government’s plan to price carbon pollution is revenue neutral for Ottawa, since it sends all funds to the provinces. Provinces can even decide to give this revenue back in lower taxes, or invest it in ways to support workers, families, and businesses, or help the vulnerable. The flexibility is there for them. In fact, our four biggest provinces—Ontario, Quebec, BC, and Alberta—actually have carbon pricing or a cap-and-trade plan in place already, so this is not a new system for them. The vast majority of Canadians already live in a jurisdiction that prices carbon pollution.

It is also important to point out that “in 2011 [even under the previous government], the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy estimated that the difference between limiting climate change and allowing the planet to warm more significantly could be an annual cost of $29 billion to the economy by 2075.” In addition, “last year, the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States attempted to quantify the averted consequences if climate change is mitigated and tallied thousands of fewer deaths due to poor air quality and extreme heat and billions of dollars in avoided damages and adaptation costs.” (Source: CBC) Cont’d; Opposite...
Electoral Reform

Based on the feedback I have received from constituents, I made my submission to the Special Committee on Electoral Reform in October. To view the full submission, you can visit my website at www.mikebossiomp.ca or contact my office to have a paper or email copy sent to you.

A key recommendation that I heard from constituents was the importance of maintaining local representation. I also heard that there needs to be rigorous education about any potential changes made.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Achievements

Do you or someone you know have a celebration coming up? I am happy to provide a congratulatory certificate to celebrate significant milestones. Please don’t hesitate to contact my office and I will be happy to send one.

Carbon Cont’d

Our government was elected on a platform to tackle climate change. We are taking concrete steps with the provinces, territories, and Indigenous peoples to protect our planet for our children and grandchildren. Together, we will create the clean-growth economy necessary for the collective health, prosperity, and security for this generation of Canadians – and the next.

To read or view my full speech, you can visit my website at www.mikebossiomp.ca or contact my office to have a paper or email copy sent to you. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this or any other issue, or would like to talk about it further. I am always happy to hear from you.

Working Hard for You: Year One By the Numbers

- 129 Community Events, such as Parades, Fairs, School Visits, & other Celebrations
- 310 Personal Calls or Meetings with Constituents
- 335 Interventions in the House & Committees
- 161 Calls or Meetings with Stakeholders, such as businesses, NGOs, chambers, & not-for-profits
- 6 Roundtables
- 7 Town Halls
- 80 Calls or Meetings with Municipal Officials
- More than 1,100 Cases completed by my staff
Today, middle class Canadians are working harder than ever, but many are worried that they simply won’t have saved enough money to retire securely. What’s even more startling is that one in four families approaching retirement—1.1 million families—are at risk of not saving enough.

“Canadians deserve a secure and dignified retirement after working hard all their lives”

Liberals made a commitment to strengthen the CPP and help the middle class achieve their goal of a strong, secure, and stable retirement.

Contrary to the previous government’s belief, a stronger CPP not only means more money for your retirement, it means more jobs for the middle class and those working hard to join it. When Canadian retirees have more money to spend on their needs, it leads to greater confidence in our economy and more jobs in Canada.

The increase to the GIS top-up benefit reaffirms our commitment to lifting Canadians out of poverty, strengthening public pensions and improving the quality of life for seniors.

— Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development


Strengthening the CPP: Because you deserve it

Ensuring your secure retirement: Enhanced Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
The Government of Canada is making sure that you have better access to a secure retirement. This is why we have restored the age of eligibility for Old Age Security from 67 to 65.

Low-income Canadian seniors who live alone now receive a boost in their Guaranteed Income Supplement top-up of up to $947 per year. This will support over 900,000 vulnerable seniors and improve their quality of life.

2017 Office Hours

In a riding as big as ours, it’s important for me and my team to be reaching as many areas as we can. That’s why we have satellite offices hours throughout the riding. Whenever I’m not in Ottawa, I attend the satellite offices hours myself. However, when the House of Commons is sitting, my very capable staff step in on my behalf.

Please note that in cases of inclement weather and inclement driving conditions, office hours may be cancelled. If you are in doubt, it is always advisable to call or email in advance, or check my social media. I hope to meet you soon to discuss any issues that are important to you.

Main Office: Napanee
20-B Richmond Boulevard, Napanee
Monday-Friday
9:00am-4:00pm

We also have Satellite Office Hours in seven different communities.

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As always, feel free to contact me at any time if these hours don’t work for you.

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