

Letter had a ?number of inaccuracies?: MP

Judy Foote, Liberal MP, includes a number of inaccuracies in her recent letter to the editor.

Our government believes that Canadians pay enough taxes. We also believe in putting money back into the pockets of taxpayers so they may spend on the priorities that work best for them.

Providing tax relief to help families with the cost of raising children is an important investment in our next generation.

All families with children will benefit from new measures introduced by our government. Through the Family Tax Relief Plan, the average tax relief and benefits will be \$1,140 and 2/3rds of all those benefits will go to low and modest income families.

Since 2006, our Conservative Government has reduced federal taxes to the average Canadian family of four by over \$3,400 each and every year. As a result, the overall federal tax burden is at its lowest level in 50 years. We decreased the GST by nearly 30%, lowered the personal income tax rate and increased the Basic Personal Amount. We removed one million Canadians from the tax rolls completely and made historic transfers to seniors through significant increases to the OAS.

The evidence shows that our low-tax plan for economic growth is working. Over 1.2 million net new jobs, the vast majority being full time, private sector and in high wage industries, have been created. After-tax middle-class incomes in Canada are now higher than those in the United States.

In addition, we are on track to balance the budget and to resume paying down the debt.

Our plan has allowed infrastructure to be funded at an all-time high. The historic New Building Canada Plan provides \$53 Billion in stable funding over the next ten years. Over \$40 million of this has been earmarked for local infrastructure projects in Newmarket-Aurora through the Gas Tax Fund.

Funding for Veterans benefits is also at an all-time high and has increased by nearly \$5 billion since we took office. We are also making it easier for veterans and their families to access the services they are entitled to.

Our government will continue its steadfast commitment to focus on jobs and economic growth, put money back into the pockets of taxpayers, and run government more efficiently.

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