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DEAR FRIENDS,

It's good to be back at work for Mississauga—Lakeshore. I'm proud to be representing our community once more and grateful for your vote of confidence. I'm excited to be your voice in Ottawa.

It's been a busy couple of weeks setting up my constituency office here at home in Mississauga-Lakeshore and getting up-to-speed in Ottawa. My office is now fully staffed and up and running. During the election I promised to be there to support our community and our team is ready to deliver.

If there's anything we can do for you and your family, please reach out. Our team can provide you with:

- Assistance accessing government services through agencies like Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, Service Canada, or the Canada Revenue Agency
- Letters of support,
- Certificates to commemorate special occasions, and
- Assistance answering any other federal inquiries

Since being elected as your Member of Parliament, I've continued to be active in our community while working in Ottawa to address some of our country's key challenges.

I'm proud to be back representing Mississauga—Lakeshore. My team and I have hit the ground running and look forward to continuing to support our community as we move forward, together.


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Charles and his family at the swearing-in ceremony

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

On January 30th, Charles was joined by more than 60 friends and family members as he was sworn into office and officially became Mississauga—Lakeshore’s Member of Parliament. The ceremony was marked by a number of firsts: Charles’ first time being sworn-in to federal office, Deputy Clerk, Procedure, Eric Janse’s first ceremony, and, on a bittersweet note, the first oath of allegiance sworn by a Canadian Parliamentarian to King Charles following the

passing of Queen Elizabeth.

Since winning the Mississauga—Lakeshore by-election in December, Charles has been eager to get back to work for the constituents of Mississauga-Lakeshore and ensure their voice will continue to be heard in Ottawa. Now that he has officially become part of the 44th Parliament, Charles looks forward to joining his colleagues in working to address the pressing issues facing our community and country.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Earlier this year, Charles attended the induction ceremony for **Legends Row-Mississauga’s Walk of Fame**. He spoke fondly about his friend, late environmentalist, activist, and City Councillor, Jim Tovey. The ceremony also created space for Toronto Argonauts football player, coach, and GM Michael “Pinball” Clemons and for Trillium Healthcare Partners, the first organization to be inducted.

Charles attended this year’s **Paint the Town Red pool tournament** at the Crooked Cue and helped raise funds to support Port Credit’s Canada Day celebrations.

On Valentine’s Day, Charles joined Mississauga in **saying farewell to** one of his mentors, **‘Hurricane’ Hazel McCallion**. Hazel’s friends, family, and community members welcomed guests from across the country in celebrating her life. Hazel was a fierce, dedicated, inspiring leader; a true trailblazer who, during her unprecedented tenure as mayor helped establish Mississauga as one of the most prosperous cities in the country. She will be missed.

Charles visited a strong community of men for a group dinner and informal discussion at **Compass Food Bank**.

Charles was also proud to welcome the **newest location of Alpha’s Discovery Kids** Preschool and Daycare to Mississauga-Lakeshore. This location will create 93 childcare spaces for our community, all of which will be subsidized through our government’s \$10-a-day childcare program.

Charles joined community members in welcoming Mississauga—Lakeshore’s newest dental clinic, **Inpath**, which will create a welcoming environment for inclusive dental care.

Charles also took part in Mississauga—Lakeshore’s **Coldest Night of the Year** walk in support of Armagh: a safe and supportive home for women who have experienced abuse. Charles was proud to join the community walking and fundraising to support their efforts to help women in need.

Charles joined Mississauga in supporting Epilepsy South Central Ontario at this year’s **Purple Gala**. This year’s ‘Disco



Charles with members of the Mississauga Jets at the Coldest Night of the Year walk for Armagh

Inferno’ themed event featured auctions, a retro dance party, celebrity MCs, and raised over \$60,000 for an important cause.

Charles was also proud to support **Embrace’s first gala event** as they transition their efforts in our community. Attendees enjoyed dinner, dancing, and fabulous entertainment as they raised funds to support survivors of gender-based violence.

Charles was glad to join the community at **Stonehooker Brewery’s St. Patrick’s Day Ceilidh Fundraiser** to celebrate Irish heritage and support Peel Crime Stoppers.



Charles signing the viewbook at Hazel’s celebration of life

SUPPORTING SENIORS IN LONG TERM CARE HOMES

On March 1st, Charles joined Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, and Kamal Khera, Minister of Seniors, to announce Government of Canada support for new standards for long-term care homes.

Canada's long-term care homes were hard hit during the COVID-19 pandemic and this new set of standards will help elevate and standardize care by

establishing new requirements for safe operating practices, infection prevention and infection control in long-term care homes. The Government of Canada provided more than \$850,000 to support the development of these standards, which were created through consultations with more than 20,000 stakeholders.

The implementation of these standards will be supported

through a larger federal investment of more than \$3 billion.

These new standards will directly benefit residents of Mississauga—Lakeshore's Long Term Care homes, who can count on our government to implement and enforce better, higher standards of practice and ensure residents will be able to continue to live safely and age gracefully.



Charles greeting Maria, a resident of Sheridan Villa

HEARING FROM YOU ON IMMIGRATION



Charles with Immigration Minister Sean Fraser and Ward 1 Councillor Stephen Dasko, welcoming community members to a roundtable discussion on immigration

On Friday, March 17th, Charles was excited to welcome Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Minister, Sean Fraser to his constituency office.

Together, they hosted a roundtable discussion with local stakeholders regarding the Government's announcement of an 18-month extension opportunity for post-

graduation work permit (PGWP) holders with expired or expiring permits.

Charles and Minister Fraser were joined by members of the business, immigration professional, higher academic, and local communities to discuss this announcement and engage on ways to further improve PGWP processing and IRCC's

operations.

Minister Fraser and his staff took note of our community's feedback and pledged to ensure our voices will be heard as they continue to fine-tune IRCC programs and improve their processing capacity to better serve applicants and their families.

INVESTING IN HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

In February, Charles was pleased to join our government in demonstrating support for an AstraZeneca announcement of a major expansion of their research activities in Canada. AstraZeneca will be creating 500 new highly skilled jobs to support the development of treatments for complex diseases like cancer right here in Mississauga.

In recent years, the Government of Canada has

helped build a strong and competitive environment for the life sciences and biomanufacturing sectors through investments of more than \$1.8 billion in 33 projects in biomanufacturing, vaccines, and therapeutics, and more than \$198.6 billion in helping provinces and territories better deliver healthcare to Canadian families.

Charles was also glad to join members of our government

and Trillium Health Partners as they celebrated a record-setting private donation of up to \$75 million from Orlando Corporation.

The local real estate company has pledged to match every dollar donated by the public over the course of the next 10 years to Trillium Health Partners to support their efforts to build the largest hospital in Canada right here in Mississauga.



Charles joining government officials for an Announcement in health and LTC

DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Charles with Ward 2 Councillor Alvin Tedjo and other members of the Clarkson Village BIA

Since taking office, Charles has been proud to announce several funding commitments that the Government of Canada has made in our community, including:

- \$11,545 for the Clarkson Village BIA
- \$24,400 for the Mississauga Jiahua Chinese Seniors Association
- \$19,667 for the Mississauga Seniors Cultural Association
- \$25,000 for the Port Credit Lawn Bowling Club
- \$320,000 for l'École élémentaire Horizon Jeunesse to expand its daycare facility
- \$100,000 for Blue Elephant Daycare
- \$100,000 for Armagh
- \$29,072 for the Meadow Green Academy
- \$100,000 for Embrave Agency to End Violence
- \$201,986 for the Canadian Hispanic-Latin American Virtual Museum
- \$32,000 for Port Credit's *Paint the Town Red* Canada Day Celebrations

IN OTTAWA

Charles is proud to have been named to the House of Commons' Standing Committees on National Defence and Science & Research.

The Standing Committee on National Defence is responsible for examining the legislation, activities, and expenditures of the Department of Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and evaluating the effectiveness of related policies and programs. Charles' committee work so far has included discussions around how best to detect, understand, and prevent foreign interference in Canadian affairs and conversations about how to

approach a resolution and take lessons from the armed conflict in Ukraine.

The Standing Committee on Science and Research was formed in 2021 and is tasked with focusing on improving the health of Canadians, preserving our environment, and driving innovation and economic growth. Since being named to the committee, Charles has been active in discussions around the table and has worked to ensure committee conversations are well informed and supported by relevant data. Recent meetings have included discussion of the urgent need to halt and reverse nature loss and of how to plan for and address the

commercialization of increasingly digitized intellectual property.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Public Services and Procurement Minister Helena Jacek welcoming Charles to the House of Commons

A BUDGET THAT SUPPORTS MISSISSAUGA—LAKESHORE

On Tuesday, March 28th, our government was proud to announce this year's budget, a made-in-Canada plan for a strong middle class, affordable economy, and healthy future. With this budget, we will:

- Deliver targeted inflation relief for Canadians who need it most through programs like the Grocery Rebate, which will deliver up to \$467 for a family of four to help with the increased cost of living
- Roll out a new, comprehensive dental care plan to provide coverage for any uninsured Canadians with a family income under \$90,000

- Crack down on predatory lending and hidden junk fees for consumers
- Lower credit card fees for our small businesses
- Provide \$88 billion in clean electricity and clean tech investments to protect the land we farm, the air we breathe and the water we drink
- Deliver \$198 billion in targeted funding to the provinces and territories to improve and transform how they deliver healthcare, and
- Create a new agency to combat foreign interference

- All while consistently promoting strong economic fundamentals by maintaining the lowest deficit per capita, and lowest debt-to-GDP in the G7



Charles and community members at the Crooked Cue