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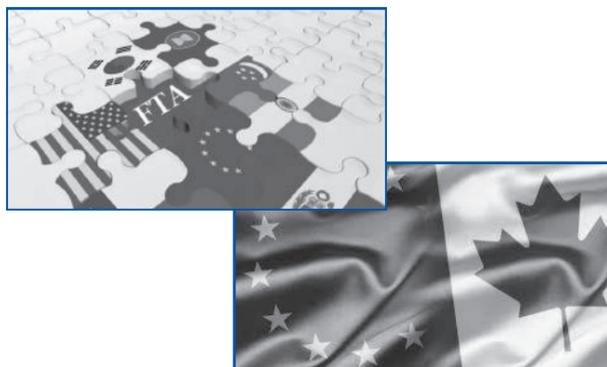
Your Voice in Ottawa

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Investment, Business And Progress

With the election approaching we look back on the last year and reflect on our many challenges and accomplishments. In doing so, we remember the triumphs that make us proud to be part of a nation which is always growing stronger and moving forward.

In 2014 our government more than tripled the number of free trade agreements from 14 to 43 and signed historic free-trade agreements with South Korea, and most recently, the European Union. With a strong position internationally, we can now turn inwards, and focus on Canadian industry.



We know that it is the hard work and dedication of home-grown Canadian companies that is vital to our national prosperity, growth and success. We support the development of Canadian industry and will therefore continue to create policies which allow it to grow and improve the quality of life for all Canadians.

Our government has invested over \$11 billion in science, research and technology, but history has taught us that we can't be complacent with these accomplishments. Recently, Minister of Industry James Moore and Minister of Infrastructure Denis Lebel moved forward our ambitions for a continuously expanding industrial sector by announcing a crucial investment in Pratt & Whitney Canada. Since 1928 Pratt & Whitney has produced aircraft engines in Canada, propelling some of the finest aircrafts and jets around the world. Today, a Pratt & Whitney powered aircraft, with engines built in Canada, takes off or lands somewhere in the world *every second*.

Being responsible for more than 170,000 jobs and contributing \$28 billion to the economy, Canadian industry in the fields of aeronautics and aerospace is continuously contributing to one of the five largest industries in the world. This investment marks one of several investments made last December alone, in valuable research and development as well as local entrepreneurship.

In addition to investing in Canadian industry, this government has always believed that an investment in research and technology means an investment in the future of the Canadian economy. As an example, the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre right here in Niagara has been the recipient of millions of dollars that has helped them positively improve the agriculture industry. When we couple this initiative with the National Research Council of Canada's granting \$2.9 million to local entrepreneurs participating in the Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program (CAIP), the final product is this government's record of investing in Canadian Small to Medium sized businesses (SMEs).



Building on this belief means proudly continuing to invest in the leaders of Canadian industry by delivering programs such as the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) and the Canada First Research Excellence Fund. These important initiatives support promising research and business enterprises in the fields of science and technology and work to accelerate the growth of Canadian entrepreneurship. Thanks to this government's actions, companies like Pratt & Whitney will be able to build airplane engines which will power the next generation of greener airplanes, and universities around our country will be able to continue making invaluable contributions to key sectors of Canadian industry. It will also ensure that Pratt & Whitney's nearly 6,000 Canadian employees will do what they do best — innovate — right here in Canada.

Our government is committed to putting forward the resources and that allow Canadian companies to thrive and to make their mark on important global industries such as aeronautics, science, and technology. In looking back on what 2014 has brought Canadians, and looking forward to what 2015 has yet to bring, we can feel secure in knowing that our government will continue to invest in the ideas and ambitions of its people, and find ways to keep moving this country forward.



How Dean Helps Constituents

As your Member of Parliament, Dean serves constituents in many ways, including working on your behalf should you encounter challenges with departments of the federal government. The efforts of your MP can help you address problems, and Dean will always attempt to reach a successful conclusion.

Employment Insurance

Delays in payment, various problems resulting from miscommunication, audit disputes.

Revenue Canada and GST

Problems resulting from audits and overdue taxes, appeals matters, objections with the tax system, GST disputes.

Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security

Assistance with CPP, OAS and GIS programs and benefits. Inquiry as to status of cheques, delayed CPP disability claims, denials, and appeals issues.

Out of Country Travel

Information about replacing lost documents (SIN card, passport, visa, etc.)

Educational Resources

Literature for schools and students regarding Canada and its Parliament.

Informational Resources

Information about federal legislation, regulations, programs, and other parliamentary business.

Petitioning the House of Commons

Petitions are used to draw the attention of Parliament to an issue of public interest or concern, or request that Parliament take a certain action within its authority. Only a Member of Parliament can present a petition to the House of Commons and Dean would be pleased to submit petitions on your behalf.

Congratulatory Messages

If you or someone you know is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary or other special event this year, you can request a congratulatory scroll from Dean. For certain significant milestones, congratulatory messages can also be obtained from the Prime Minister of Canada and the Governor General.

Visiting Parliament Hill

Tours of Parliament Hill and passes to the public galleries in the House of Commons and the Senate (while Parliament is sitting) are available free of charge.

Dean would be pleased to help you make arrangements for tours, and would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you during your visit if he is in Ottawa.

Invite Dean to your Community Event

Dean makes every attempt to be present at community events that promote and recognize the vibrant riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook. If your organization has an upcoming event that you would like your Member of Parliament to attend, please contact Dean's constituency office to make arrangements.

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Representing Niagara West-Glanbrook

What Is Leadership?



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Dean Allison, MP for Niagara West-Glanbrook.

What is leadership?...

Leadership means articulating a plan and executing it. Simply put it means meeting uncertainty, risk, & change with a calculated commitment to do what is necessary to thrive, grow and prosper.

Just recently, we as a nation reached an important point in marking the introduction of a new Budget, and in turn, a further demonstration of what great leadership can accomplish. During the global recession, this government initiated responsible stimulus spending to help everyday Canadians through tough times. We refused to raise taxes, we exercised sound management, and as a result, Canada is today an oasis within the sea of economic uncertainty present within today's world.

We accomplished all of this by remaining committed to building a nation for hard-working Canadians to be able to succeed, grow, and prosper. To meet this goal we know that we must support the root of this country's very success - Canadian families. By enhancing and expanding the Universal Child Care Benefit, as well as, launching our new Family Tax Cut - this budget helps hard-working Canadian parents save the money they need to make sure that they are there for their kids. In total, we have saved families and individuals \$35 billion in taxes since taking office. What this offers a typical two-earner family of four is an extra \$6,600 in their pockets.

Helping Canadian families is not the only way this budget looks to strengthen our great nation. Supporting the growth of jobs and small business is just as important. The 2015 Economic Action Plan makes clear that all of the jobs lost during the recession have been recovered - along with more than 1.2 million net new jobs created since the depths of the downturn. We continue to eliminate needless red tape for entrepreneurs to allow them to do what they do best and spend their time building their businesses. The Red Tape Reduction Plan is an important step in this direction, by its saving businesses over \$22 million and 290,000 hours that are typically spent dealing with costly red tape.

We have not and will not stop here, as the mark of true leadership is excelling over and above these accomplishments. That is why we are still looking to do even more to create jobs, and enact measures which make it easier for Canadian employers to hire. With policies such as the small business tax credit, this government is getting the job done for hard-working Canadian small business owners. Economic Action Plan 2015 proposes to cut the small business tax rate to 9 percent by 2019. This means that when fully implemented, our government will have cut small business taxes by almost 50%. That's 50% more of their earnings small businesses can use to invest in their companies and create jobs.

To help all Canadians, this budget also committed to increasing the annual contribution limit for Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) to allow Canadians to save more money - tax-free. We will also be changing the rules for Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) to allow seniors flexibility in how they use their money during their golden years.

In offering support Canadian families, businesses, and seniors this year's budget accomplishes a great deal in securing the future of our great nation. Simply put, it upholds the Canadian way of life and strengthens the very principles that make Canada the best country in the world to live and work. By supporting families, jobs and growth, and continuing to invest by allowing every Canadian to do what they do best, we will continue to practice true leadership and make this great nation the best that it can be for today, tomorrow and years to come.



Supporting Families

Starting a family is both an exciting and challenging journey. Paying for those first years of daycare, deciding where to purchase your first home, and driving your kids back-and forth between hockey and dance practice all mark what it means to build a family here in Canada. To hard-working parents across our nation, there can be no price put on having a helping hand to offset some of the high costs needed to take on these tasks. It is for this reason that our government has been working to put Canadian parents and their needs first. We are fulfilling our promise to balance the federal budget, and we are now in a position to fulfill our promise to help Canadian families balance theirs.

In our ongoing efforts to help families save money through cutting taxes, we have introduced the new family tax cut. This initiative is a federal, non-refundable tax credit of up to \$2,000 for couples with children under 18. By allowing higher-income spouses to transfer up to \$50,000 of taxable income to their spouses in a lower income tax bracket, this tax cut allows families to save an average of \$1,140 per year. With more tax relief and more money in their pockets, Canadian parents will be able to face their financial obligations with more confidence and save for the priorities that matter most.

In total, we have saved families and individuals \$35 billion in taxes since taking office. What this offers a typical two-earner family of four is an extra \$6,600 in their pockets.

Finding affordable child care is in fact one of these priorities and is similarly a challenge that all parents are faced with at one point or another. To help Canadian parents meet this challenge, our government is enhancing the *Universal Child Care Benefit* (UCCB) so that Canadian families can find affordable care for their children. We increased the current benefits available under the UCCB from \$100 to \$160 per child under the age of 6, and introduced an additional \$60 per child between 6 and 17 years old. These improvements became effective as of January 1, 2015 for all Canadians, and will allow parents to receive up to \$720 per child per year. With about four million families expected to benefit from changes to the UCCB, we are making child care to be more affordable and more accessible for all Canadian parents.

In responding to the needs of Canadian parents we also know that an important part of raising a family is keeping children active and healthy. While keeping your kids healthy is important, it is an expense that many families struggle to afford. We are aware of this reality and are always working to provide benefits which allow Canadian children to stay active. On October 9, 2014 we announced that we are doubling the maximum amount of expenses that may be claimed under the *Children's Fitness Tax Credit*. By making the tax credit refundable, we are ensuring that even those who do not earn enough to pay income taxes benefit from this measure. By making children's fitness a priority, we are continuing our government's commitment to putting the interests and priorities of an additional 850,000 Canadian families first.

There is no way of disputing that Canadian children are the future of this great country. By providing relief and benefits to parents across the nation, our government is helping ensure that all families have equal access to child care benefits, tax cuts, and credits. Growing our economy and supporting Canadian families are the principles on which this government was established and will remain our focus in years to come. Having successfully guided Canada through tough economic times, our government is committed to ensuring that Canadian parents are able to undertake the exciting and challenging journey of starting and building a family.



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Taking action in Niagara West-Glanbrook

Getting Around Ottawa & Niagara West-Glanbrook



In addition to his duties in Ottawa, Dean spends a great deal of time in the riding. From meeting with dignitaries and stakeholders and constituents in both Ottawa and his constituency office, to attending special events throughout Niagara West-Glanbrook, Dean enjoys meeting with the people he represents. Here are just a few snapshots from some of his recent activities.



Dean meets with Loretta Jankowski who has served the Niagara Health System since 1960



Dean meets Maxism Stadler spokesperson for Juvenile Diabetes



Dean meets with Ukrainian Vice Speaker of the House Mr. Parubiy.



Dean meets with US Secretary of State John Kerry



Dean helps open the new tourism centre in Pelham



Dean meets with Mr. Gian Lorenzo Cornado, Italian Ambassador to Canada



Dean meets with Thai Ambassador Vijavat Isarabhakdi



Dean meets with Helen Clark, former NZ PM and rep for the United Nations Development Programme



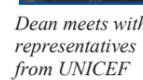
Dean speaks at the Vineland Research & Innovation Centre



Dean meets with local representatives of Millennium Kids



Dean meets with Dr. David Nabbaro UN Special Envoy on Ebola



Dean meets with representatives from UNICEF



Dean meets with representatives from ManaNutrition



Dean meets with students in Ottawa from AK Wigg, Lakeview and Smithville Christian



Dean meets with Hon Carl Bildt, former PM of Sweden



Dean helps prepare backpacks as part of the Telus Day of Giving.



Dean attends the OSCEPA meetings as Director of the Canadian delegation.

Research and Innovation... Helping to Move Canada Forward



These past months we have seen the rise and fall of international oil prices, the calamitous effects of natural disaster, as well as, shifting security situations throughout the world. Set against this background of change, we are steadfast in the importance of one thing; the need to grow, innovate and succeed. Canada has emerged out of each of the events of this month and this past year, as a nation which is committed to the strength and prosperity of its people, as well as, the creation of a better kind of world for our children's children.

A major part of building a prosperous Canada, is investing in our own, and consistently cultivating a place where ideas, research, and innovation are able to take flight.

Under Canada's Global Markets Action Plan (GMAP) 2015, Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently announced \$50 million over five years in direct financial assistance to Canadian SMEs for market research and participation in trade missions. It is expected that this funding will help between 500 and 1,000 Canadian entrepreneurs per year reach their full potential.



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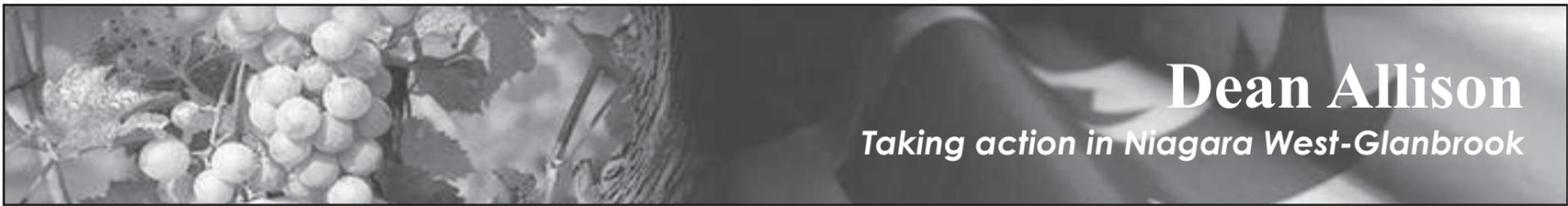
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Research and Innovation Moving Canada Forward

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We believe in our entrepreneurs and we will continue investing in world-class research and innovation programs which support their aspirations and success. This year, we strengthened this commitment with an investment of \$14 million over 2 years for Futurpreneur Canada. As well, we announced, \$1.33 billion over six years, the Canada Foundation for Innovation to support advanced research infrastructure at universities, colleges, and research hospitals. Great stories coming out of this funding continue to emerge, including support for health systems research right here at our very own Niagara College, Brock University, McMaster University and Mohawk College.

Speaking to the benefits of these investments, Dr. Kevin Smith, the Chief Executive Officer of St. Joseph's Health System in Hamilton, and chair of the board of the Canada Foundation for Innovation recently stated, "This kind of research, bolstered by advanced infrastructure, has innumerable impacts, which I see every day as CEO of a health-care system. It opens possibilities for the treatment and prevention of disease". What investments like these offer everyday Canadians is another reason to take pride in this nation's support for research, innovation and commerce.

Investing in Canadian entrepreneurship, research and innovation define a part of what this government has built Canada's legacy on, and continues to be a key part of this nation's economic success story. We will continue to build a strong future for young Canadians, and create the opportunities they need to succeed. Hard work, good ideas, and a commitment to innovation will remain the characteristics and values that we, as a government, continue to fight for.



Keeping Canadian Values Safe

Since you elected me in 2004 to be your representative and Member of Parliament, I have always grounded any decision I make in the values that make this country great.

Democracy, peace, freedom, tolerance, mutual respect and equality rank highly within such values. Horrifically, as we have seen for ourselves in Canada, it is these very values that have been threatened by terrorism.

The international jihadist movement has declared war on us. Canadians are being targeted by terrorists who demonstrate through acts of barbarism and cruelty, a strong hatred towards our society, way of life, and the sacred values we stand for.

To find clear examples, you need to look no further than the past several months. The terrorist attacks in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu as well as attacks abroad in Australia, Paris, and Denmark all point to an emerging reality. The threat of radical Islamic extremism is real and is present within our borders today.

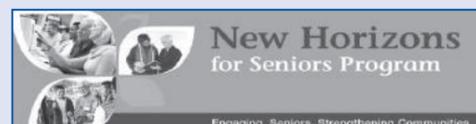
Under the strong leadership of our Prime Minister, we took action and brought forward the Protection of Canada from Terrorists Act and Anti-terrorism Act 2015. This legislation will protect Canadians against jihadi terrorists who seek to destroy the very principles that make Canada the best country in the world to live in, by providing Canadian law enforcement and national security agencies with additional tools and flexibility to keep pace with evolving threats and better protect Canadians here at home.

The legislation includes checks and balances to ensure it respects the rights of Canadians and complements earlier legislation passed by our Government in order to better protect Canadians and secure our institutions, including the Combating Terrorism Act and the Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act.

Providing national security agencies with new tools will ensure that gaps in sharing information about suspected terrorists does not limit their ability to prevent attacks on Canada or against Canadians. We as politicians do not enforce the law, but we have the duty to make sure that law enforcement has the necessary tools to keep Canadians safe. We will continue to do just that.



Supporting Seniors



Seniors have helped build our country and continue to make important contributions to our society. Since coming into office, the financial security and well-being of Canada's seniors has been a priority for our Government. In all, we are providing almost \$2.8 billion in annual tax relief to Canada's seniors and pensioners through landmark tax saving initiatives like pension income splitting.

Our Government is also investing in programs that are helping improve the quality of life for Canada's seniors. In 2014, our Economic Action Plan provided an additional \$5 million annually for the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) to support community based projects that benefit seniors. Through this program we are helping protect seniors from elder abuse, promoting volunteerism and helping seniors stay involved in their communities. Just recently, over \$100,000 of this money has been approved for applicants in Niagara West-Glanbrook.

The annual *NHSP Call for Proposals for Community-Based Projects* is inviting organizations to apply for funding of up to \$25,000 for projects that help empower seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with others and support communities by increasing their capacity to address local issues. More information on how to apply is available at Canada.ca/Seniors.



DEAN WANTS TO KNOW WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

DO YOU SUPPORT OUR GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH...

In supporting Canadian families and communities?

Yes No

In keeping Canadians safe from terrorism?

Yes No

To tax cuts for families and seniors?

Yes No

In helping support the growth of small business?

Yes No

Another important issue to me is:

What do you think of the job your Member of Parliament
Dean Allison is doing?

Excellent Good
 Fair Poor

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I appreciate your input and feedback on the issues that are important to you.*

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