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 A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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Dear Neighbour,

Over the past several months, it has been a busy and meaningful time here in Markham-Unionville. I am continuously grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and would like to share a snapshot of the work I've been doing – both locally and on Parliament Hill.

As we head into the summer months, following half a year in government, I remain focused on advancing the priorities I hear most often from residents: public safety, affordability, and navigating Canada's position in a fracturing global order.

Thank you for your continued engagement and trust. If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office – my team and I are here to support you.

Sincerely,



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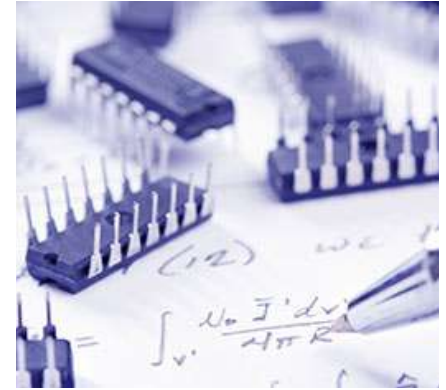
ADVANCING ISSUES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

My involvement in the Standing Committee on Industry and Technology (INDU), has given me the opportunity to study, in greater depth, the important issues related to **artificial intelligence (AI)** and our **government's electric vehicle (EV) policies**.

My goal is simple, to ensure that:

1. The decisions we make protect and advance the sectors that matter most to Canadians.
2. Canada always has a seat at the table.



INDU #24 // FEBRUARY 9TH



I asked the Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry, how the Government's newly announced auto strategy would help define the Canadian auto industry in the coming years. As the dialogue shifted to the trade war, I expanded my line of inquiry to the Government's recent trade missions, asking how they expand consumer choice. Min. Joly emphasized that "by having a bloc of middle-power countries together working on having a free trade zone without tariffs, we can increase choices." As trade with one of our longstanding markets enters realms of unpredictability, Markham businesses need to consider how to reconfigure their operations for other market opportunities.

INDU #28 // MARCH 12TH



I asked Tim Reuss, President and CEO of the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association, what his thoughts were on EV manufacturers that sell directly to consumers, bypassing dealers. Jointly with this shift in the sales model, I inquired about what the industry is currently working on to remediate the significant decrease in maintenance demands associated with EVs. How we navigate the paradigm shift to electrification has deep relevance to Markham due to our longstanding participation in Ontario's broader auto ecosystem.

INDU #29 // MARCH 23RD



I asked Dr. Wendy Cukier, Academic Director and Founder of the Diversity Institute at Toronto Metropolitan University, about the digital divide present in AI. Given that AI models are trained on data overwhelmingly from certain geographies and human populations, what biases will eventually surface in critical fields like Human Resources (HR) or Health when those AI models are put to use? Consider if the average Markham-Unionville resident's experience is mirrored in current AI training data.

INDU #31 // APRIL 13TH



I engaged with Cohere's Chief AI Officer, Joelle Pineau, about her vision for how AI regulatory frameworks should be designed – I wanted to know how we can balance the building of trust while removing barriers to adoption. Pineau's response was elegantly simple: safety is a source of competitive advantage and must be built into the models. She further cautioned against sweeping regulatory approaches, urging instead for sector-specific regulation. With Markham as an existing tech hub, we should be following the development of AI regulation in order to capitalize on its commercial opportunities.

INDU #32 // APRIL 16TH



I asked Andrew McKinnon, the interim CEO of Accelerate, about the battery innovation roadmap that was released by his organization. Specifically, I wanted to know how their roadmap aligns with the Government's EV strategy, and what steps the Government should take to ensure Canada's long-term success and global competitiveness in battery technology. McKinnon emphasized that Canada needs to focus on niches of battery production where we can become a global player – a niche that is sliced from either mining, chemicals, or manufacturing. Markham is home to some of Tesla's engineering departments, so we have a material stake in this issue.

HIGHLIGHTS – LOCAL OFFICE

Working for **YOU** in the Community

Staying connected with residents, organizations, and local leaders is a key part of my work.

Over the past months, I have had the opportunity to engage with a wide range of community initiatives:

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HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY

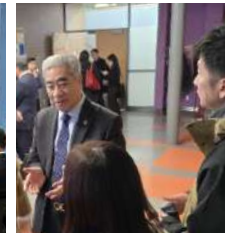
Housing affordability is one of the defining challenges of our time – and this housing meeting with Build Canada Homes (BCH) was all about finding real solutions. We heard from a powerful group of expert stakeholders sharing what's working, what's needed, and how we can get more homes built faster and more affordably across Canada.



2

IRCC HK PATHWAY MEETING

I was joined by Lena Metlege Diab and fellow colleagues to listen, understand, and ensure that the Toronto Hong Kong community's voices are front and centre in recent developments regarding the HK Pathways program. What was shared in that room was powerful – and I will carry it with me as I continue to advocate for our riding.



3

MARKHAM BOARD OF TRADE

I joined Minister Mélanie Joly and local business leaders at a Markham Board of Trade roundtable – the dialogue's energy was undeniable. We dug into the real conversations that matter: how government and business can roll up their sleeves together to spark new strategies, to create jobs, and to foster economic growth.



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YOUTH AND INNOVATION

I was inspired by the vision of initiatives like the Canada-China Federation of Entrepreneurs (CCFOE) Youth Innovation Showcase and the Little NHL Tournament – these are exemplars of foundational civic engagement. Both events are doing incredible work, investing in the next generation through teamwork, skill-building, and creating a culture of growth and possibility.



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COMMUNITY AND CHARITY EVENTS

What a season it has been – filled with generosity, community, and celebration. I was a guest of honour at the CareFirst 2026 "Young at Heart" Charity Gala; I joined incredible gatherings like Aristo Ariyaratnam's VIP Charity Bowling Event and the Toronto Unity Lion Club. Throughout these experiences, I was reminded time and again of the incredible goodwill that defines our community.



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CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Markham-Unionville is alive with culture and community spirit – and being able to join residents in these celebrations is what makes this work so meaningful. These are a few of the many important moments that reflect the diversity and vibrancy of our community.



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!



CANADA'S SPACE ANNOUNCEMENT

Canada is reaching for the stars — and Markham-Unionville is leading the way.

Our government is set to release \$8.5 million in funding for NordSpace. This company is headquartered in **Markham-Unionville**, strengthening Canada's space sector and supporting high-paying jobs right here at home.

It was a distinct pleasure to join Minister McGuinty and fellow caucus members as we announced Canada's commitment to investing \$200M in vitalizing our sovereign launch capabilities. In this shifting world order, Canadians need a Canada-owned launch pad to send satellites into orbit.

CANADA GROCERIES AND ESSENTIALS BENEFIT (CGEB)

Big news for families across Canada!

The Honourable Wayne Long, Secretary of State for the Canada Revenue Agency and Financial Institutions, announced a one-time top-up payment under the **Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit (CGEB)**.

This measure aims to **improve affordability** for families in communities like Markham-Unionville, providing meaningful financial relief to more than 12 million Canadian families facing the rising costs of groceries and daily essentials.



THE CANADA STRONG FUND

Canada's first national wealth fund is designed to invest alongside the private sector in Canadian projects and companies, driving our economic development.

Finance Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said the government's sovereign wealth fund, announced last month, will include a retail component that allows Canadian citizens to contribute to the country's major projects.

While the final details are being hammered out, the government has pledged to see \$25 billion in the fund.



HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

As your Member of Parliament, one of my greatest privileges is being here for the residents of Markham-Unionville. Whether you have questions or need support, my constituency office is here to help you.

Our services include, but not limited to:

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| OLD AGE SECURITY (OAS) | CANADA REVENUE AGENCY (CRA) |
| PASSPORTS | CANADA CHILD BENEFITS (CCB) |
| CANADA PENSION PLAN (CPP) | IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC) |

AND MORE...