

MONTHLY UPDATE

Stephanie wants to keep you updated on some of the work she has been doing on your behalf. As the House of Commons is not in session, Stephanie has been busy speaking with constituents, and hearing directly from them about issues of concerns. She is also starting to receive responses from her quarterly newsletter which are providing additional feedback. Stephanie appreciates all of this information and will be sharing it with her Conservative colleagues.

She was very honoured earlier this summer to accept the invitation to become a member of the Trilateral Commission. This non-governmental, non-partisan discussion group was founded by David Rockefeller in 1973 to foster closer cooperation among Japan, Western Europe and North America. "Having the opportunity to listen to and learn from members such as the Honourable Rona Ambrose; Madeleine Albright; Michael Bloomberg; Nancy Southern and Jaap de Hoop Scheffer is an incredible opportunity," explained Stephanie.

She will keep constituents informed at stephaniekusiemp.ca, or at <https://www.facebook.com/stephaniekusiepolitician/>.



ABOVE: Calgary Police Chief Constable Roger Chaffin updated Stephanie on their current work in Calgary, including the city's crime rate and statistics, and the challenges Calgary Police are facing due to the legalization of cannabis.

CALGARY STAMPEDE 2018

As usual, the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth was an event to remember, and Stephanie enjoyed every minute. From attending the opening Stampede breakfast and participating in the Parade, to the many community BBQ's and pancake breakfasts, the ten days are always a very busy time but also a wonderful experience to see everyone in the Stampede spirit.

Stephanie was honoured to be asked to speak at Equal Voice's Stampede Social **(right)**. As past Chair of the Alberta South chapter, Stephanie is proud to see how the organization has grown and thrilled to see so much support.



ABOVE: Stephanie's speech is available [here](#).

DEFENDING LOCAL JOBS

Canadian workers have been facing a direct threat to their livelihood for months, yet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government have made it clear that they don't have a plan. Recently, the United States has decided to impose tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum imports. And now, they have threatened to impose tariffs on auto imports as well. TD Bank is warning that 160,000 jobs in the auto sector are at risk – this means that 20% of all manufacturing jobs in Canada could be

lost. On top of the stalled TransMountain pipeline, these tariffs have created additional uncertainty in our steel, aluminum and auto industries, and they have left a growing group of Canadian workers worried about what will become of their jobs. Stephanie and her Conservative colleagues, including Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, will be speaking with members of the business community to discuss how Canada can respond to this threat and help protect jobs, and the economy.



ABOVE: The Honourable Andrew Scheer meets with business leaders.

ISLAMIC CENTRE OF SOUTH CALGARY 2018 EID GALA

Stephanie welcomed the opportunity to attend the Islamic Centre of South Calgary Eid Gala earlier this month. Members of the community joined family and friends to celebrate the end of Ramadan and celebrate Eid.

Stephanie was overwhelmed by the warm reception she received — and the delicious Pakistani and South Asian dishes — and truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the President of the Islamic Centre of South Calgary and other influential leaders in the community.

Eid Mubarak!

RIGHT: Stephanie at centre.



OTTAWA IS STUDYING THE SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM

This coming fall, the House of Commons Health Committee will be studying the needs of Canadians with rare diseases and the effectiveness of the Special Access Program. One in twelve Canadians are diagnosed with a rare disorder and these individuals face undue hardships when trying to access very expensive and specialized treatments that are conventionally unavailable in Canada. To help Canadians with rare diseases we have the Special Access Program that authorizes a manufacturer to sell a drug what cannot otherwise be sold or distributed in Canada. The Program works with practitioners and patients to access medications for treatment, diagnosis or prevention of serious or life-threatening conditions when conventional therapies are inadequate or unavailable. Despite this program, Canadians with rare diseases continue to face extensive barriers and the Health Committee intends to make recommendations to improve simplicity and efficacy of the Program.