



Dear Constituents,

On June 28th, you elected me to represent you in Canada's 38th Parliament. It is an honour and a privilege to be chosen as your Member of Parliament, and I would like to thank you sincerely for your support.

As I am writing this, the first post-election parliamentary session is scheduled to shortly commence. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my successful third election campaign and to inform you of the efforts that I have undertaken on your behalf since that time.

I have continued to raise issues concerning the funding dedicated to help the homeless and to create more affordable housing in Edmonton. I have also continued to pursue justice on behalf of constituents and others who were victims of serial sexual pedophiles while incarcerated at the notorious New Brunswick Kingsclear Training School for Boys. Both of these initiatives have

been associated with significant local and national interest and support. In both areas, I believe that I have contributed to effecting significant change. For example, when the most recent Martin cabinet was announced, the minister previously responsible for federal funding for the homeless, Claudette Bradshaw, was removed from all further ministerial responsibility in this area. I had long asserted that the funds were being spent in uneconomic and inefficient manners, and my reservations appear to be regarded as quite credible. With respect to the serial pedophile sexual abuse at Kingsclear, I attended the parole hearing for the sole person convicted so far in this matter—former guard Karl Toft. In support of

victims that were also in attendance, I had argued that Karl Toft should never be released, let alone have his parole conditions changed to permit him to walk freely in our community, with no supervision whatsoever. The Parole Board agreed. In addition, I have met with Minister of Public



Taking time after the Election to thank the voters of Edmonton East.



Safety Anne McLellan and communicated with other federal and provincial authorities as to the extent to which widespread pedophile sexual abuse at Kingsclear has to date gone unpunished. This has resulted in an investigation by the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, which is ongoing.

On criminal justice issues generally, I have continued to advocate for the rights of victims and am in particular concerned that dangerous offender proceedings are not

undertaken more frequently. I have supported Mrs. Lesley Miller of Edmonton in her claim for federal government support to help her care for her permanently disabled husband Dougald, who was viciously beaten and left for dead by repeat violent offender Leo Teskey. While Leo Teskey is the subject of a second dangerous offender hearing, I have argued that his case illustrates the fact that repeat violent offenders should rarely be released in any event, unless there is a virtual certainty that they will not reoffend.

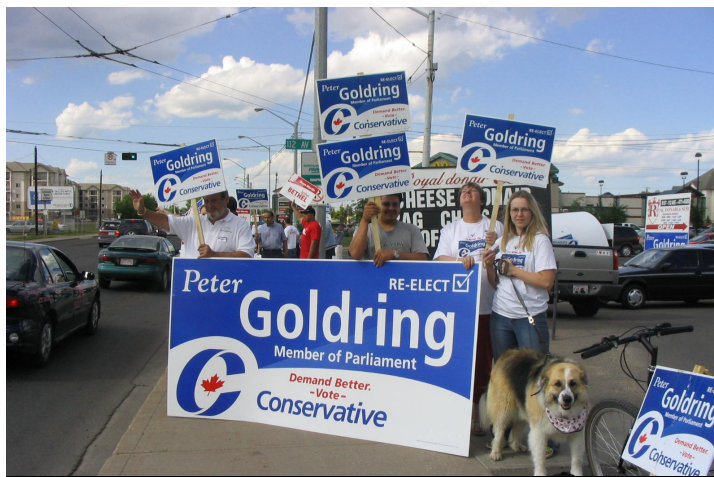
In the current Conservative Party Caucus, I have been honoured for my work in advocating a more formal relation-

ship between Canada and the Turks and Caicos Islands, through being appointed Foreign Affairs Critic for the Caribbean. I will be working with Foreign Affairs Critic Stockwell Day, who has been particularly

supportive of my work. My role has expanded from that of the Turks and Caicos to issues relating to the Caribbean generally. This will enable me to advance Conservative Party interests in issues relating to such matters as Canada's relationship with and military involvement in Haiti, as well as general trade rela-

tionships throughout the Caribbean. Canada has an opportunity to become a major trading partner in a Caribbean "rim" region of some 100 million persons. This will enable us to develop new markets for our trade of cattle and farm products, as well as other natural resources and manufactured goods.

Understandably, given the extent of my new focus, I have been excused from other Caucus responsibilities. In particular, after five years of advancing our issues on a national basis on matters relating to affordable housing and the homeless, I will now be concentrating on these and other issues from a local perspective.



After successfully campaigning—Minority Government. Time to get ready for another election—support the party of your choice!



By most estimates, we are less than two years away from another federal election. This means that there is much to be accomplished in a comparatively short period of time. I have found my parliamentary work this summer to have reflected this sense of urgency. I look forward to working with all of you to advance our country's interests over the coming months, and thank you as always for your continuing confidence and support.



Successful campaigns are the result of a lot of effort and enthusiasm by volunteers.

What an exciting time to be a parliamentarian! For the first time in 25 years, we have a minority government. Now, more than ever, the government will need to be responsive, transparent and accountable to the people of Canada.

Under strong leadership of Stephen Harper, I believe our new, united Conservative Party has a unprecedented opportunity to influence decision making in Canada's government. The talent and energy of my caucus colleagues can be found in the strong critic representation that will face off with Paul Martin's tired, old Liberal team when the House of Commons reconvenes in October.

In both the House of Commons and committee chambers, where legislation is negotiated, the Liberals have lost their majority stranglehold. No longer will they be able to use their tried and true tactic of ramming through their legislative agenda, stifling dissenting opinions or shutting down debates. The means we will be able to truly reflect your priorities, while the Liberals will have difficulty sweeping their scandals under the carpet.

The Liberals have a limited mandate, and I know you will be watching this government very carefully. I urge you to contact me often with your concerns and thoughts on the issues that matter to you and our riding.

Minority governments are a rarity in Canada's parliamentary tradition. Since Confederation, there have been only eight minority parliaments. And for many young voters, this is the first one in their memory. The last time Canadians gave their government a minority mandate was 25 years ago.

MINORITY PARLIAMENTS

Election Day	Governing Party	Leader	Length of Term	How it ended	Performance in subsequent election
December 6, 1921	Liberal	Mackenzie King	March 8, 1922-September 5, 1925	Election Called by Government	Won another minority
October 29, 1925	Liberal	Mackenzie King	January 7, 1926-June 26, 1926	King resigned when the Governor General refused to dissolve parliament	Won a Majority
June 10, 1957	Progressive Conservative	John Diefenbaker	October 14, 1957-February 1, 1958	Diefenbaker called an election after being challenged to do so by Liberal leader Lester Pearson.	Won a Majority
June 18, 1962	Progressive Conservative	John Diefenbaker	September 27, 1962- February 6, 1963	Defeated on a vote of non-confidence concerning nuclear warheads.	Defeated by opposition Liberal Party
April 8, 1963	Liberal	Lester Pearson	May 16, 1963- September 8, 1965	Election Called by Government	Won a Minority
November 8, 1965	Liberal	Lester Pearson	January 18, 1966-April 23, 1968	Election Called by Government	New Liberal Leader. Pierre Trudeau won a majority.
October 30, 1972	Liberal	Pierre Trudeau	January 4, 1973-May 9, 1974	Defeated on a vote of non-confidence on the budget	Won a Majority
May 22, 1979	Progressive Conservative	Joe Clark	October 9, 1979-December 14, 1979	Defeated on a vote of non-confidence on the budget	Defeated by Liberals

Update: Prior to the opening of parliament Peter visited the Caribbean countries of Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, and Dominica to explore trade & economic association possibilities as well as humanitarian assistance needs following the horrendous hurricanes.

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This brochure series is intended to highlight special issues that Member of Parliament, Peter Goldring, has been involved in. If you wish to comment, please take a moment to fill out the survey below, write or call to the address above.

What Issues Matter Most To You

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