



Much has been written, wrongly exaggerating details and severity of possible outcome of my recent regrettable legal interaction. From being the subject of robo-calling earlier in the day, to the very unusual discussions in the evening, to the targeted stop were very suspicious. I therefore was on high alert to stand up for my rights.

Our society grants police officers special powers, and with that comes the responsibility to ensure that the process is conducted properly. The court record is very clear. The trial was not about impairment. No witnesses claimed to observe symptoms of impairment. The truth is that I challenged the improper demand to test immediately because I had just consumed one drink, I never did refuse to test. I was proven right.

There has been a cost to my standing on principle, both personal and political. The whole process, lasting over 18 months has been extremely unpleasant. The easy way out would have been to allow

the police to not follow proper procedure. But someone has to stand up for the rights of individual Canadians, not just for my rights but for your rights too - and if a Member of Parliament will not, then who will? I absolutely will not run from a fight when I have "just the truth" on my side.

It is also very disturbing how easily simple hand written recollections of police evidence regarding times and events can be manipulated. Most modern police forces are equipped with audio-visual recording devices. Their evidential testimony quality benefits greatly at far less cost than the expensive fleet of Segways that the Edmonton police force chose to purchase instead. Perhaps it is time that the Edmonton Police Services upgrade their technology to better protect both police and individual rights, while saving vast amounts of court time.



**Standing up for principles can be at a huge cost but it is important to do so as it impacts not only your rights but many others.**

What do you think?

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- Senior Critic for Veterans Affairs - 3 years
- Deputy Critic of Intergovernmental Affairs - 1 year
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee - Quebec Schools
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee - Newfoundland Schools
- Member of Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Deputy Critic for National Defence and also Public Works - 1 year
- Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Senior Critic for Public Works and Government Services - 1 year
- Critic for Housing, Homelessness, and Poverty - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Critic (Caribbean) - 1 year
- Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group - 1 year
- Member Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee - 6 years
- Chair of the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group



"I would like to get your input on what issues you think I should focus on in this parliament, what you think of the work I've done in the past, and any general comments you may have. I look forward to receiving your suggestions on how I can better represent your concerns."

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