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*On a beautiful winter day, my fantastic team of volunteers and I met with the citizens of the municipality of La Pêche, especially in the Wakefield and Masham areas!*

Heather from Masham is concerned about the future of local media and highlights the unique importance of local newspapers in strengthening community ties. Their decline, accelerated by the loss of revenue to digital platforms, threatens the local information ecosystem. I told her that I am closely working with the government in the pre-budget consultations to advocate for

the voice of our local media. The Rural Caucus, which I chair, is advocating for three measures: the renewal of the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI), which finances a full-time journalist per organization; an increase in government advertising in local media; and the requirement to allocate at least 30% of government advertising to local media. These initiatives aim to support the vitality of local media.

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*I loved my meeting with the lively Helen and her affectionate tomcat Stan.*

Like Chantal, Émilie, Karen, and many other women I've recently met, she expresses concerns about the leader of the opposition, Pierre Poilievre. We all fear a setback for women's rights. It's quite astonishing that Poilievre used a hashtag associated with misogynistic groups to promote his YouTube videos! Chantal is disturbed by his style, similar to that of Trump, personally attacking and throwing insults at people from Quebec, like Valérie Plante, the first woman elected mayor of Quebec's largest city. More alarming, bills like C-311, led by Poilievre, suggest worrisome changes to the criminal code, affecting pregnant victims and potentially leading to restrictions on abortion.



*“Never forget that a political, economic, or religious crisis will be enough to take away women’s rights. These rights are never to be taken for granted. You must remain vigilant throughout your life.”*

*– Simone de Beauvoir*

*Pascal vigorously emphasized the importance of preserving natural environments, a crucial aspect in the fight against climate change.*

He insisted on the need to enhance protective measures, including the establishment of a specialized unit to address climate-related disasters such as wildfires and floods, to preserve our ecosystems and ensure community safety. I was able to inform Pascal that, through my initiative “For a Green and Prosperous Outaouais”, the region is coming together for an innovative conservation project led by the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation. In partnership, we will identify biodiversity areas to be conserved by 2030, in line with Canada's commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (COP15).

Furthermore, Canada, along with its international partners, is already incorporating climate change into its national and international security plan, including the establishment of a *NATO Centre of Excellence for Climate Change and Security*, right here in Quebec (Montreal)! This center is used by military and civilian actors from all NATO countries to develop, enhance, and share knowledge on the security impacts of climate change, thereby promoting the achievement of NATO's climate and security objectives.

