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On a rainy afternoon in May, my team and I had the privilege to meet you at your doors in Shawville, Fort-Coulonge and Mansfield. Across the riding, you've always welcomed me as a neighbour; thank you. You shared many concerns with me.



**Stéphane**, from Mansfield-et-Pontefract, was concerned about the need to **help our seniors age in their community**.

I couldn't agree more. Different **programs** can be helpful to organizations that support our seniors to do small jobs, and seniors can also claim a **tax credit** for such expenses.



**Jack**, from Shawville, was concerned about the ongoing **labour shortage**.

I will continue to advocate for the revamping of the *Temporary Foreign Worker Program* to bring in skilled labour to help mitigate the ongoing shortages. We also need more **healthcare professionals**, and this is why we announced three projects to improve recognition of foreign credentials for internationally educated health professionals.



**Julie**, from Fort-Coulonge, is worried about the local economy and the **high cost of living**.

The price of her groceries has almost doubled.  
What can be done?

**Inflation is expected to decline to around 3% this summer.** Once inflation stabilizes between 2% and 3%, interest rates will start going down. And for me, affordability starts by having a good job in a stable economy. Canada's economic growth is projected to be the strongest in the G7 in 2024 and we need to ensure that the growth of our economy benefits workers and small businesses. Statistics Canada data released this month shows that **Canada is one of the first countries in the OECD where wages have caught up to inflation!**



**Roxanne**, whom I met at Café 349, wanted to know more about the federal legislation **on official languages**.

Canada's official languages, English and French, are a precious heritage, a powerful symbol of our diversity, and a vibrant part of our national identity.

As a federal MP, I have a responsibility to protect and promote our two official languages across the country. Our Bill C-13 **invests in the vibrancy of our two official languages**, including hundreds of millions to support English-speaking communities in Quebec, in areas such as access to justice, education, French as a second language, arts and culture, and employment.



Thanks for sharing your concerns and feel free to contact me at:  
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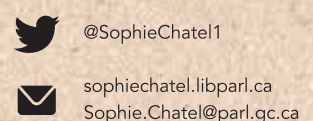
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