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## Affordability Grocery



I recently spoke with Bernard and Colette, a lovely couple from Aylmer, who echoed the concerns many of you have shared with me about rising grocery costs.

**Despite inflation being below 4%, grocery prices grew by 5.8% in September.**

In response, we're in talks with Canada's top five grocers, especially as they post record profits, to develop a plan that ensures shelves are stocked with the goods people need, when they need them, at a price that they can afford.

Additionally, a new bill will support independent grocers, enabling them to compete with larger chains and contribute to long-term relief in grocery stores.

## Affordability Housing



Meanwhile, Alex and his wife from the Plateau, earning just under \$100,000, struggle to pay their rent, afford their groceries, and save to realize their dream of becoming homeowners.

**High rents plague both the Plateau and Aylmer.**

Our solution is to promote more rapid construction of rental homes. We're eliminating federal GST on rental apartment construction and encouraging provinces to do the same. This not only incentivizes builders but also prioritizes affordable rentals over pricier condos. We're committed to addressing the housing crisis head-on.



# Disinformation and World Peace



We met Eric, a young veteran who's now fighting fake news for the sake of a better world. He worries about how platforms like TikTok affect his children. Canada values peace and truth, and he sees that big online platforms overpower local news sources. We discussed how the Canadian government is determined to support local and national media outlets, so they don't just get by, but flourish, while upholding strong journalistic standards.



## Première Moisson

We had the privilege to explore the brand-new Première Moisson branch in Aylmer, an exceptional bakery at the heart of our community. We were able to meet the owners Annick Vachon et Marc-André Juillet.

## Tramway

Caroline, like many of you, is concerned about the rising congestion in Hull and Aylmer. I want to reaffirm my support for the Gatineau-Ottawa tramway project, a public transit system essential to the mobility of residents in the western Gatineau region. I am aware that all three levels of government are working together to advance it. I remain committed to representing you and continuing to champion this important project.



Thanks for sharing your concerns and feel free to contact me at: [sophie.chatel@parl.gc.ca](mailto:sophie.chatel@parl.gc.ca).

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