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Dear Constituent,

As our Conservative government prepares for our 2010 budget to be released next month, I thought I'd give you an update on what we've done already to improve Canada's economy and what direction we're headed.

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, we've invested billions of dollars in new community centres, roads, bridges, highways, and other infrastructure all across our country.

We've improved Employment Insurance benefits for workers who've lost their jobs in this recession and we're protecting jobs in industries and communities that are hit hardest by the downturn.

I've included more information about these initiatives below if you're interested.

I hope you'll never hesitate to get in touch with me at any time to share your thoughts.

Best regards,

- Mark

## Helpful Links

[February 15th is National Flag Day](#)

[Emergency Preparedness Guide](#)

[Student Loans, Grants and Scholarships](#)

[Information on the Tax-Free Savings Account](#)

**Investing in Canada's Infrastructure:**

As Canada's economy turns the corner, it is important that our government stays the course on our Economic Action Plan. Sod is being turned all over the country to build up the infrastructure of tomorrow and to provide jobs for Canadians today.

To find out what projects are currently underway near you - [click here](#).

**Extended Employment Insurance Benefits:**

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our Conservative government is temporarily giving additional EI benefits to unemployed long-tenured workers - workers who've been employed for years without needing EI who are without work due to these tough economic times.

For more information - [click here](#).

**Protecting Jobs through Work Sharing:**

Because of the uncertainty facing many employers during the economic slowdown, our Conservative government extended Work-Sharing agreements to a maximum of 52 weeks. This gives greater flexibility to employers and has protected countless workers from layoffs.

For more information - [click here](#).

**Canada's Response to the Earthquake in Haiti:**

After the devastating January 12th Earthquake in Haiti, rescue and recovery efforts are needed to help the country rebuild. Aid and reconstruction projects are underway, with Canada playing a pivotal role.

To learn more about what Canada is doing to help Haiti - [click here](#).

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