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## Fighting for the Broncos!

MP Brad Trost has pressed Finance Minister Ralph Goodale to treat the Humboldt Broncos and other teams in the SJHL fairly in regards to taxation. The Conservative MP for Saskatoon-Humboldt supported the Broncos and other teams in the SJHL in the following statement in the House of Commons:



"Mr. Speaker, while all Canadians are already experiencing a winter without NHL hockey, the finance minister is doing his best to end junior hockey in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Jr. Hockey League is the only junior hockey league in Canada where the players, through their sponsors, are taxed on the room and board per diem that they receive.



For two years, the Minister of Finance has done absolutely nothing to help teams in his home province. It is a disgrace that he has done nothing to help the SJHL. It includes teams like the Humboldt Broncos, a team in my constituency which is the heart of the town of Humboldt, a team which demonstrates the best of Canada and a team which is stuck with a \$10,000 discriminatory tax bill.



Fortunately, the member for Cypress Hills—Grasslands (Conservative MP David Anderson) has presented Bill C-285 to protect the SJHL. C-285 is designed to amend the Income Tax Act so that income (up to \$8,000) received by an athlete from a non-profit club is excluded from taxation.



While the Minister of Finance has done nothing to help protect Saskatchewan hockey, all other Saskatchewan MPs do support the bill and will support Saskatchewan hockey." Bill C-285 will receive its second reading in the House of Commons and be debated when the MPs return to Ottawa after the Christmas break. (Parliament is scheduled to reconvene on January 31<sup>st</sup>.) Hockey fans who want to express their support for Bill C-285 can call Finance Minister Ralph Goodale at his constituency office in Regina: (306) 585-2202. Fax: (306) 585-2280. E-mail: goodale@sasktel.net



## Canada World Youth

MP Brad Trost met with Vanya Hanson, a young resident from his riding and participant in the Canada World Youth (CWY) program, as part of a unique event held on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, on October 27th.

The event involved the Honourable Jacques Hébert, founder of Canada World Youth, Alexandre Trudeau, filmmaker and member of the CWY Board of Directors, and more than thirty Members of Parliament and Senators representing each of the four federal parties, as well as ambassadors and CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) representatives.

It was an opportunity for Members of Parliament and senators to meet 20 young Canadians and their 20 counterparts from Benin, and familiarize themselves with Canada World Youth, an organization which designs and delivers innovative international educational programs for youth aged 17-24. To date, more than 22,000 youth have taken part in Canada World Youth programs in Canada and in more than 60 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Central & Eastern Europe. The mission of CWY is to increase the ability of youth to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies.



MP Brad Trost with Vanya Hanson, from Saskatoon and a participant in the Canada World Youth program, and her counterpart from Benin, Bénédicte Semassou

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# Calling For Democracy!

MP Brad Trost voiced his concerns about the disputed election in Ukraine during a speech in the House of Commons on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Here are some excerpts:

"What we are talking about tonight is a fundamental issue, an issue that we must not let rest, an issue that is more than just of concern to Canadians of Ukrainian descent, but is of concern to all Canadians who believe in freedom.

We in this country have a government based upon unalienable rights, rights that are not derived because of our ethnicity, our class, our gender or our country of birth, but rights, that are, as I said, inalienable, rights that are an endowment at birth. Specifically, we have the rights to life, liberty and property, and these are not just for Canadians. We, as Canadians, believe they are the rights of the whole world.

That is why we must address this issue in Ukraine because the inalienable rights of the citizens of Ukraine have been deprived. The citizens of Ukraine have had their inalienable right to liberty deprived, inalienable rights to speak freely, to address the problems of their nation and to a free and open democratic election. It is not for us to choose sides. Let me emphasize and reiterate, tonight not one member of the House is calling for one candidate or another to be elected. We are calling clearly and eloquently, we are calling with singleness of voice for a free election, for an open accounting.

From all reports coming out of Ukraine, I think it is clear it has not been.

Having personal acquaintances and friends of the family who live there, may I draw on some of their recollections and advice. In specific, let me read a letter my office received just the other day from an acquaintance in Ukraine. For the record, this is what they are facing in the country:

*"Ukraine is swayed in demonstrations of protest against the unlawful results of the runoff election. The level of violations is just immense and unthinkable." Violations are unprecedented--people voting several times using absentee ballots, the observers from the opposition and international observers were not let into polling stations on the east and south of Ukraine. 7 boxes with ballots were set on fire in the Lviv region alone! In Kyiv (national capital, formerly spelled Kiev) ballots were destroyed by throwing acid in the voting boxes on several polling stations."*

The writer of the letter also notes that 99% of these votes went for one candidate. It is amazing. The writer continues:

*"Turnout rates on some of the polling stations was 105% (all of those on the lists plus those using absentee ballots). 96% turnout rate in [one] region [home of one of the candidates]--there have never been anything like this before, even in Soviet times! Also, several notes of bombs being planted were registered--none of them was true." More than 300,000 people gathered on the central street of Kyiv to protest the official...returns holding orange stripes and banners (colour of Opposition Leader Yushchenko's political party). Demonstrations are held in the most of the cities; 100,000 people were protesting...Buses are heading to Kyiv from all over Ukraine to support those standing in Kyiv, despite all the roadblocks along the way. --tires are punctured by little things thrown around on the road leading to Kyiv."*



MP Brad Trost at the pro democracy rally, November 24th

## Farm and Ranch

Brad Trost and the other Conservative MPs have pressed federal officials to be more accountable when it comes to designing and implementing policies that affect agriculture in Canada. MP Trost is concerned about the impact that the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol will have on farm input costs. Representatives of the fertilizer industry have told MPs that Kyoto will destroy domestic fertilizer production because of higher energy costs. Canadian farmers will probably have to purchase fertilizer from the Gulf states in the Middle East if Kyoto is implemented. As a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology, Brad has questioned why billions of tax dollars have been spent on Kyoto. Independent scientists should be consulted before the Liberals spend another \$4 billion on climate change programs.

On BSE, Conservative Agriculture and Agri Food Critic Diane Finley (MP for Haldimand-Norfolk) has stated the CFIA's handling of the BSE crisis was worrisome. Finley also criticized the government for damaging Canada's relationship with the United States at a time when it is crucial to get the border open to trade in livestock.

Regarding the CAIS program, Conservative MP Barry Devolin (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) chastised the Liberals in Question Period on Dec. 7th for defending CAIS when the program has "obviously failed the vast majority of farmers."

Fellow Saskatchewan MP David Anderson (Cypress Hills-Grasslands) pressed officials from the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) about producers' concerns regarding the time it takes for the feds to approve new, more environmentally-friendly farm chemicals for use in Canada. The PMRA is "removing older (farm) chemicals through the re-evaluation process but not approving the newer, narrower, targeted chemicals fast enough in order for them to remain competitive." Anderson said during Agriculture Committee hearings on Nov. 25th.

# Trost blasts Liberals over gun registry

On November 29, the NDP and the Bloc MPs on the House of Commons' Justice Committee voted against Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz's motions to cut \$20 million from the budget of the Canada Firearms Centre and transfer that \$20 million to the RCMP for front line policing priorities. The 7-4 vote against MP Breitkreuz's motions shows that only a Conservative government is willing to stand behind our police officers and protect Canadians.

MP Brad Trost stressed the need for more RCMP officers in Saskatchewan during his question to Finance Minister Ralph Goodale in Question Period on Wednesday, Dec. 8th:

"Mr. Speaker, not long ago the Minister of Public Works and Government Services (MP Scott Brison) said, 'We should be getting rid of the long gun registry. A billion dollars would have been better spent on the RCMP.'

My question is for the Minister of Finance (Regina MP Ralph Goodale). There are thousands of RCMP officers required to fill vacancies across Canada, particularly in Saskatchewan. Seventy-six per cent of Canadians want more police, not a billion dollar boondoggle registry.

Why has the Minister of Finance failed to find the resources to fill the RCMP vacancies across Canada and in Saskatchewan?"

Liberal MP Anne McLellan (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) responded on behalf of MP Goodale:

"Mr. Speaker, we are training more RCMP officers. We are training them in fact in Regina, Saskatchewan to serve all across this country." McLellan went on to list various law enforcement expenditures made by the federal government.

It is unfortunate that Deputy Prime Minister McLellan did not mention

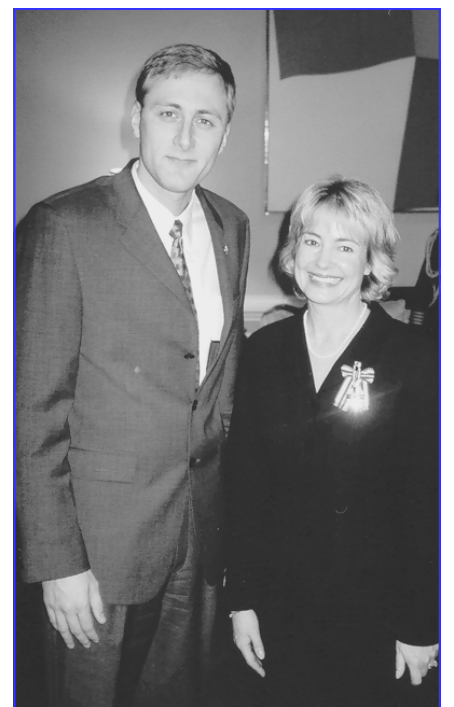
that the RCMP has 60 policing vacancies that need to be filled in Saskatchewan. Or that the RCMP needs increase funding to clear up a backlog of DNA cases. Or more money to track down thousands of individuals with deportation orders that the government has lost.

A Conservative government, led by Stephen Harper, would scrap the gun registry and divert taxpayers' monies (currently being wasted) towards the priorities of front line police officers.

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## Community leader awarded medal

Suellen Beatty, a devoted leader in the cause to improve long term care, was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal (civil division) by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on November 26<sup>th</sup>. "Beatty was instrumental in developing a \$15 million project for Saskatoon's Sherbrooke Community Centre, which now provides a better home-like quality of life for its residents," according to a description of her service listed during the award ceremony. In 1995, breaking with tradition, she initiated the "village concept," which groups together residents with similar needs, interests and culture. The innovative changes Mrs. Beatty has implemented have greatly contributed to reducing the monopoly, loneliness and frustration that too often are the fate of those in long-term care." The Meritorious Service Medal (civil division) (M.S.M.) was created in 1991. It recognizes the performance of a deed or activity performed in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to Canada. The Meritorious Service Decorations are awarded to members of the Canadian Forces or to Canadian citizens. Foreign military and civilians may also be considered for this award.



MP Brad Trost with Suellen Beatty at Rideau Hall

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**Please take the time to respond to this tear-off reply card and return it to me in the mail.**

- 1. Should Finance Minister Ralph Goodale give the SJHL the same tax treatment as hockey teams in other provinces?**  Yes  No
- 2. In order to lessen Saskatchewan's doctor shortage, should Ottawa speed up the process so that more foreign physicians can practice medicine in Canada?**  Yes  No
- 3. Should all families get a tax break instead of diverting billions of dollars into a national childcare program?**  Yes  No
- 4. Should Finance Minister Ralph Goodale take money from the gun registry and give it to the RCMP to fight crime and terrorism?**  Yes  No

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# Supporting our Volunteers

Brad Trost stood up for volunteers, service club members and local sports clubs throughout Saskatoon-Humboldt when he opposed Bill C-21, (An Act to respecting not-for-profit corporations and other corporations without share capital) — to be known as the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* (NFPC). C-21 will place a heavy burden--a continual bureaucratic burden--on Not-For-Profit corporations (NFPs) to keep up with all the reporting requirements stipulated by Industry Canada.

C-21 is thick with regulations. With its long list of requirements, C-21 will make it harder to attract good volunteers and good directors for NFPs. C-21 creates a set of universal by-laws for NFPs; mandates director liability for NFPs (but provides rules to protect directors); formalizes record keeping, financial statements, notification of meetings; allows public disclosure of financial statements and increased access to membership lists. Federally registered NFPs will be required to make the transition to the new Act within 3 years or risk dissolution. C-21 hasn't passed into law yet. The Bill has received first reading in the House of Commons.



Saskatchewan Paramedic Association rep. Chris Munn dropped by to talk to MP Brad Trost in Ottawa on October 27<sup>th</sup>

## CONSTITUENCY SERVICES

**The Office of Brad Trost, MP provides a wide variety of services for the residents of Saskatoon-Humboldt. Please give us a call if we can ever be of assistance to you:**

### Invite Brad to an Event

If your organization has an upcoming event within the boundaries of Saskatoon-Humboldt which you would like Brad to attend, please contact the constituency office or email trost.mp1@sasktel.net

### Request Celebratory Greetings

If you would like to receive a Congratulatory message on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, or other type of event or function, please contact the constituency office or email trost.mp1@sasktel.net

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