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I hope you’ve had an enjoyable holiday season with friends and family and you feel renewed as you enter 2024. Much of my time in December has been spent in Ottawa, though it has been great meeting many people at different events including at my booth during the Santa Claus Parade, my Christmas Open House, the CPR Holiday Train and other events.

Sadly, I know that for many residents of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, times are not easy. The Canadian Press reported this month that “More than half of British Columbians report feeling worried about their finances this holiday season and about a third cannot afford to buy gifts for their loved ones.” 75% responded to a survey that they were cutting back spending “because of rising living costs”. As your Member of Parliament, I am very disturbed by this. I am also alarmed that our local and national food banks are experiencing more requests for help than ever

before. Last month, over two million Canadians visited food banks. Maybe you or someone you know has had to visit a food bank this year.

The NDP-Liberal government’s excessive spending and tax hikes have led to dramatic increases in the cost of groceries and other necessities. Inflation has run rampant, purchasing power is eroded and the cost of mortgages and rent is crippling so many families. In the meantime, this government is destroying the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people who work in our resource industries. I am doing all that I can to hold this government to account along with my Conservative MP colleagues. We are asking the Liberals and NDP to show some compassion and axe the tax that is making everything more expensive.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Dalton

THE GRINCH



The Maple Ridge Lions Club donated \$2500 to the Friends in Need Food Bank



Thank you to my constituency office staff for the hard work they put in to make the Grinch booth happen!

It was great to see so many families stop by my booth to have their picture taken with the Grinch!



IN THE COMMUNITY



Legion Branch 88 is the largest in Canada. I met Michael Hodgson and Samantha Patterson the owners of Cowdog Brew Company.



It was a pleasure to participate in Diwali events in Maple Ridge, Surrey, and Vancouver with Pierre Poilievre this year.



With Laura Whalen and her granddaughter and me carving a pumpkin with my granddaughter at the Golden Ears Metis Society Harvest Festival.



Opening of the Sassy Yarrow fashion boutique owned by Marla Chernoff. I bought Christmas gifts for my wife here.



Grand opening of a new Mexican restaurant, Bowland at Dewdney Trunk &



Osprey Village is a gem not to miss in Pitt Meadows. Emilia Carson is a floral assistant at Village Botanicals.



Owner Tamara Karsenti and stylists at honey & ash salon.

IN OTTAWA



I met with Tony Abbot, the former Prime Minister of Australia.



With the Ambassador of South Korea, and High Commissioner of Pakistan at holiday events.



Conservative MPs met with grieving families of hostages kidnapped by Hamas. While with us, they received word that Eden Zakaria's body was found in Gaza. One of the ladies with us broke down in tears as Eden was a neighbour and friend.