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## YOU'RE INVITED!

#### The 11th Annual Disability Tax Credit Seminars

Join me on March 16, 2018 in Burnaby and on March 17, 2018 in New Westminster and find out how hundreds of your neighbours have benefited from these seminars.

In our community, thousands of people with disabilities may be eligible for an important tax credit that often includes a significant tax refund from the Canadian Revenue Agency. Many residents could be eligible for a tax refund under the Income Tax Act.

Some of you may already know that the Income Tax Act provides a non-refundable Disability Tax Credit to all eligible individuals. My office wants to make sure that every eligible New Westminster-Burnaby resident knows how to access this legitimate entitlement under the Income Tax Act. To that end, we are offering workshops to inform constituents about the Disability Tax Credit, which can amount to up to \$1200 per year, and can be claimed retroactively for up to 10 years. While the Income Tax Act stipulates that this is a non-refundable tax credit, it is transferable to spouses and other family members if the income of the relative with a disability or infirmity is too low.

If you'd like to learn more about the Disability Tax Credit, please contact my office at 604.775.5707.

Sincerely,

# You, or someone you know, may be eligible for a DISABILITY TAX CREDIT retroactive for up to ten years.

Please join Peter for his 11th Annual Disability Tax Credit Seminars at the following wheelchair accessible locations:

Sign Language interpreters will be in attendance

March 16, 2018 in Burnaby from 6:30PM to 8:30PM Edmonds Community Center (7433 Edmonds St., Room 202)

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March 17, 2018 in New Westminster from 1PM to 3PM Century House (620 8th St., Douglas Fir Room)



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Peter is coming to your neighbourhood!

Coffee House (Cariboo Hill)
Date: April 21, 2018

Time: 2PM to 4PM

Location: Seasons Apple Cafe in Burnaby (8699 Tenth Ave.)

Coffee House (Brow of the Hill / West End)

Date: May 12, 2018

Time: 1PM to 3PM

Location: Timfox Cafe in New Westminster (1190 Eighth Ave.)

Coffee House (Queensborough)

Date: June 9, 2018

Time: 1PM to 3PM

Location: Queensborough Community Center - Royal Room in New Westminster (920 Ewen Ave.)

Please contact our constituency office for more information: 604.775.5707

# Peter in the House, 42nd Parliament 1st Session





Have your say on my legislative priorities. Please submit your input on page 3 NOW!

Bill C-336, An Act regarding the right to know when products contain toxic substances. I first introduced this bill in 2008. In this 42nd Parliament, I re-introduced my Private Member's Bill to provide consumers with the right to know what ingredients are in everyday products.

Bill C-336, would require all products, especially foods, household cleaners and cosmetics, sold or imported into Canada containing toxic substances, to have clearly marked labels specifying their toxic contents to the consumer.

Why shouldn't consumers have the right to be fully informed of what might be dangerous to their health, or the environment when they purchase a

product? The federal government must ensure that companies respect that right. Labelling products is one of the most effective and practical ways to protect consumers. It is only common sense.



This bill builds on existing Canadian legislation that provides for product labelling in the case of poisonous and other dangerous products. Under Bill C-336, failure to follow the regulations for labeling products containing toxic substances would be a criminal offence, subject to fines or imprisonment.

The list of toxic substances that Bill C-336 covers is comprised of a host of the most comprehensive worldwide lists, including agencies of the European Union, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer, and Health Canada <

Bill C-358, The Fair, Democratic and Sustainable Trade Act. This bill aims at a stable, rules-based global economy that supports Canadian jobs and businesses, promotes sustainable development, respects environmental laws and

strengthens international cooperation.



The Fair and Sustainable Trade Act opens up a democratic review process, empowers the House of Commons, and ensures transparency with the full and informed involvement of civil society, Indigenous Peoples and labour stakeholders.

Bill C-358 would equip Parliament with the information it needs to assess the economic, environmental, and social impacts of proposed trade or investment agreements. It would also require the trade and investment-making power of the executive branch to be constrained by the approval of provincial legislation, where affected. Bill C-358 also sets a Parliamentary assessment process for trade and investments treaties after they become binding on Canada

Bill C-218, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act (railway noise and vibration control). I first introduced this bill in 2010. I reintroduced this Private Member's Bill C-218 in this 42nd Parliament. It would prohibit railway companies from engaging in excessively noisy rail yard activities in residential areas between the hours of 10pm and 8am.

High noise activities in rail yards include the idling, sorting, coupling, and

shunting of rolling stock, create an incredible amount of noise. Train traffic in the urban areas has increased substantially in the past 30 years, and the trains themselves are longer, resulting in more frequent and much longer periods of noise in rail yards. The size and weight of rail cars has also increased, causing greater vibrations in nearby homes.



Every resident of Westminster Quay knows why a conciliatory approach will never work and only tough legislation can resolve this health hazard. Quayside residents and all Canadians are entitled to a good night's sleep.

The previous Conservative government utterly failed to take responsibility for this problem. I have been working extensively with the community and this bill is the result of the many calls for a real change to this situation. I hope that the new Liberal government will be as willing to address this issue as when it was acting as Official Opposition in 2007. I urge the Liberal government to act quickly on this matter. Photograph By File

Bill C-263, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (hearing impairment). would enhance inclusive access for people with hearing disabilities by allowing them fair access to the Disability Tax Credit.

Canadians with hearing impairments should receive the tax break they deserve.

This bill recognizes the reality that these Canadians face and I am proud to sponsor a bill that prioritizes their well-being.

The current regulations are unfair and do not reflect real-life situations in our communities.

Bill C-263 would resolve this by:

- Amending "quiet setting" to be a "normal setting" for sound levels in tests;
- Altering the eligibility requirement so a person qualifies

if they are unable to understand "another person," rather than "a person familiar to them."

• Removing the requirement that the person must be wearing an "assisted listening device" when their degree of impairment is being assessed.

These changes represent a long overdue need that deaf and hard-of-hearing Canadians be treated fairly and equitably by our tax system. Our current arrangement is neither fair nor just, and now is the time to end this problem

Bill C-331, An Act to amend the Federal Courts Act (international promotion and protection of human rights). Bill C-331 would ensure that the Canadian judicial system is accessible to victims of human rights abuses that are committed abroad by corporations or others actors. I first introduced this bill in

Community leaders, workers, human rights defenders, environmental rights activists and Indigenous Peoples are at the greatest risk of becoming victims of corporate malfeasance abroad. Civil society must be given the opportunity to demonstrate these rights violations in a court of law and be justly compensated for damages caused by egregious business practices.



The Canadian legal system must provide foreign victims of this abuse the chance of obtaining justice in a court by directly dealing with this unfortunate global reality.

It is an unacceptable double standard that Canadian corporations can assist, or even instigate, serious rights violations abroad with impunity when that same conduct would be prohibited by law at home.

Bill C-331 reinforces other options aimed at building a stronger global framework of corporate accountability. These include appointing a Canadian Human Rights Ombudsperson for extractive industries and referrals to bodies such as the International Criminal Court, where applicable

Bill C-313, An Act concerning the development of a national strategy respecting advertising to children and amending the Broadcasting Act (regulations). This bill aims at protecting children from exploitative advertising. It is simply unacceptable that we continue to allow advertisers to prey on impressionable children. Unbridled advertising to children undermines their ability to think critically and promotes the sale of unhealthy foods and products that promote unhealthy lifestyles. I first introduced this bill in 2007.



Bill C-313 provides for the development and implementation of a national strategy on advertising to Children, in cooperation with provinces. It also amends the Broadcasting Act to empower the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to regulate and monitor the character of advertising directed at children.

Children ought to be protected from manipulative, behaviour altering advertising. It is incumbent upon Parliament to make certain that advertisers are held accountable to the highest ethical standards.

Bill C-313 was developed in cooperation with the Centre for Health Science and Law based on a review of child development and health science evidence■

C-287, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (nanotechnology). I first introduced this bill in 2010. Bill C-287 aims to include a framework that would regulate nanotechnology in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Nanotechnology is the application of science and technology to manipulate matter at the atomic or molecular level. Nanomaterials are any ingredient, device, or structure that is between 1 and 100 nm. These materials are present in more than 1000 consumer products, including food and cosmetics. The increasing proliferation of nanoproducts has not been met with an adequate regulatory framework.

While nanotechnology can be very beneficial to people, there are certain risks to it as well. We must identify and mitigate possible risks to better protect the environment and human health before they become an issue. Canada must

establish regulatory processes that ensure nanomaterial safety before the introduction of these substances in Canada.

Bill C-287 would establish a balanced approach ensuring the responsible development of nanotechnology and the safe use of nanomaterials in Canada.

The bill mandates a risk assessment process to identify the potential benefits and possible risks of nanotechnologies before nanoproducts enter the market. It would also require a comprehensive, publicly accessible database that lists existing

Nanotechnology and the Environment

nanomaterials identified by the Government of Canada.



I am pleased to see that some of the aspects of this bill were considered by Health Canada and Environment Canada, such as the development of a registry for nanomaterials in commerce and use in Canada. However, there is much more that needs to be done to ensure the responsible use of nanotechnologies in Canada■









## In our community

1 Meeting with

constituents. I will be in your neighbourhood soon knocking on doors to meet with all of my constituents to listen to your ideas & concerns;

2 I was honoured to attend the Tamil Thai Pongal Festival on January

14, 2018 at the Tamil Temple located in Burnaby. So wonderful to see so many men, women & children come out to celebrate this significant festival for the Tamil Canadian community; 3 What a honour to have the three chiefs in New Westminster attend our Christmas Open House Party. From the left, Qayqayt First Nation Chief Rhonda

Larrabee, Police Chief Constable Dave Jones and Fire Chief Tim

Armstrong; 4 New Westminster Secondary School did such a fantastic job creating skits and dances to commemorate those who fought and those who fought and died in battle fields for our country. Great job!

5 Awesome team of staff and volunteers at the Union Gospel Mission tirelessly serving the less fortunate in our community. Keep up the good work everyone!





# Have your say on Peter's Legislative Priorities!

At the beginning of a Parliamentary Session or during the course of a Session in Parliament, the names of all Members of Parliament are placed in a random draw to establish a List for the Consideration of MPs' Private Members' Business. I am seeking your input to help me choose one of these Private Member's Bills to be debated in the House of Commons. Please rate the following bills from 1 to 7 (1 most favourite to 7 least favourite). Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to this survey!



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# SAVE THE DATE August 4, 2018 from 12PM-2PM at Edmonds Park

(next to Edmonds Community Center, located at 7433 Edmonds Street in Burnaby)

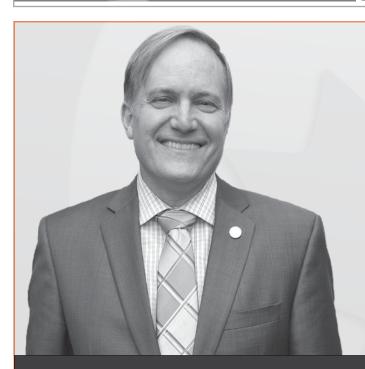






**Photos** - Peter with neighbours at last summer's community BBQ.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! This event would not have been the success it was without you!



# My office is here to help.

My team can help constituents experiencing difficulties & with inquiries to federal government departments and agencies, including:

- Citizenship, immigration & visa applications
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS) & Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Revenue Agency & tax benefits
- Canada Student Loans
- Veterans Affairs

We can also arrange special messages for occasions such as birthdays & anniversaries; provide referrals to other services offered in Burnaby and New Westminster; and we'll do our best to support initiatives that enrich our community.

I am here to ensure that you have a strong voice in Parliament. Please do not hesitate to write, phone or email me your views on policies affecting our community.

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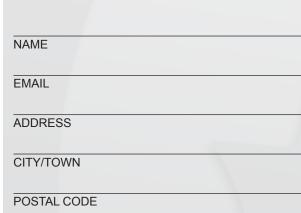
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