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To my friends in the business community in and around Fredericton:

First I want to say thank you!

- Thank you for the work you are doing to support your employees and their families.
- Thank you for the leadership you are demonstrating to convert your operations to comply with social distancing measures.
- Thank you for your generosity, sharing your knowledge and expertise, and in some cases both health related products and the means of production with public health departments.
- Thank you for your patience as government officials and civil servants are working to get programs rolling out to support individuals and businesses.

I know that this is a time of great uncertainty and the delay between announcements from the Prime Minister and the publication of details for relief programs has been frustrating. I also know that the evolution of these programs from day to day makes it hard to stay on top of the details.

As your MP I am participating in daily briefings where MPs across the country are raising questions with department officials to get answers and flag concerns. One example of the success of these calls is the consensus from MPs that a 10% wage subsidy to employers was not going to be effective. We then saw the Prime Minister announce it would be increased to 75%.

I understand that there is still uncertainty about how that program will be defined and administered and that significant gaps remain, including whether this funding will be available to companies that don't meet the revenue conditions as is the case for most startups. I continue to press for these answers at every opportunity.

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As your MP it is important to know where gaps exist. If you have a unique situation that is falling through the cracks, please reach out to Robert Sheidow (Robert.sheidow.253@parl.gc.ca), my constituency coordinator who will ensure that I have the most up to date information to carry with me into these MP briefings.

I am optimistic that the federal government is listening and know that I take every opportunity to contribute to finding solutions and to amplify your voices. I believe that the spirit of the federal relief efforts is to ensure that no one is left behind. These are incredible times and I feel so grateful to represent a riding full of such incredible people.

Sincerely,



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