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Message from your MP

Dear fellow constituents,

I'm writing this message as the federal political scene debates the principles of judicial independence, opposing interpretations of the concept of ministerial solidarity, alleged or perceived "pressures" ... essentially, a host of questions that have also provoked in me long hours of reflection. I could write rivers about my views on these issues, but it would only serve as one more opinion. Not one of my fellow citizens would benefit from it in anyway!

All this excessive media coverage obscures the immense work done by the Government of Canada for almost four years. That's why I chose instead to present to you the positive, concrete, but often unknown - and almost always ignored by the media - aspects of this job that stimulates and excites me more and more.

Inspired by a simple gesture, but authentic in its intention: citizens who express their gratitude for the support offered by my team. A couple came to visit the office recently to thank Stav and Hamza for having accompanied them through the process of sponsorship, and for the follow-up made by my office during the processing of the application. We were all touched by this gesture and happy to meet the newly arrived wife!

This story is one of many that illustrate the small and great victories of the entire team, in that it represents a real impact on the daily lives of our fellow citizens!

This side of parliamentary work, non-partisan and in high demand, is generally little known. Whether it is help with the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security and / or the Guaranteed Income Supplement; follow-ups for Employment Insurance benefits, the Canada Child Benefit,

notices for applications to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the Canada Revenue Agency, or ideas and innovative projects that need a boost to materialise, each file allows us to meet many individuals, families and businesses, all with a distinct background, a story of their own, and another opportunity to make the federal government relevant to citizens.

Although this work may be seriously demanding in emotional terms and / or time-consuming, it is always rewarding. Every day, every file, every family redefines the notion of what it means to truly serve, reaffirming for me this commitment to my fellow citizens, in the quest for a better future for all of us. While this will never make headlines, the fact remains that our work is important precisely because what we do is FOR the people who have put their trust in us.

You can follow my Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AlexandraMendesLiberal2015) or my website (<http://amendes.liberal.ca>) in order to keep up with our work as well as upcoming events!

Yours truly,

Alexandra

An overview of Winter in Brossard — Saint-Lambert

Lunar New Year



My provincial colleague, MNA for La Pinière Gaétan Barrette, and I celebrating Lunar New Year.



Always a joy to participate in the Lunar New Year Parade.



Meeting with the Chinese community.



Funding announcement of \$ 941,647 over four years from the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for FORMATO.



Annual General Assembly meeting with the Saint-Lambert Council for seniors.



54th edition of the Marblehead Saint-Lambert hockey tournament and cultural exchange.



Visit by Mr. Chen Xueming, Consul General of China in Montreal, to discuss Canada-China relations.

Ministerial visits in Brossard — Saint-Lambert



Lunch with the Honorable Pablo Rodriguez and constituents.



Round table discussion about Food security and in raising awareness on healthy eating with the Honorable Ginette Petitpas-Taylor.



Meeting with the Honorable Pablo Rodriguez for the Festival Classica.

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PACP)



When the Parliament of Canada is in session, I spend part of my week in Ottawa exercising the legislative role that the citizens of Brossard - Saint-Lambert entrusted in me. I am Vice-Chair (usually, in the Westminster parliamentary tradition, this committee is always chaired by the Official Opposition) of the Standing Committee on

Public Accounts (PACP) and I am also a member of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO).

PACP members review the work of the Auditor General of Canada. The Committee is concerned with government



administration, such as the efficacy of delivering programmes and services, as well as respecting government policies, directives and standards. The Committee does not examine the merits of a policy, its mandate is to make the government accountable for public administration and the use of public funds. Since 2015, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PACP) has submitted 63 unanimous reports to the House of Commons.

Real Progress for Canada

10 years ago, in May 2009 : Alexandra Mendès passes her motion on passport services being offered in Service Canada's regional offices! Close to 300 regional offices now offer full services to citizens.



The new Canada Child Benefit directly supports the families of Brossard – Saint-Lambert and contributes to strengthening the middle class?



Did you know that:



Upcoming events in the riding

Canada Day

July 1st, 2019
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Seaway Park
430 Riverside Street
Saint-Lambert, QC
J4P 3P7

Corn Roast

August 31st, 2019
Time to be confirmed
Location to be confirmed

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