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Peterborough-Kawartha Riding

Q1 Taxation Would you encourage your party to appoint a royal commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the Canadian tax system guided by the principles of tax competitiveness, simplicity and fairness?

No,

Comment:

The People's Party of Canada is committed to simplifying the Income Tax Act by reducing taxes on all income above \$15,000 and below \$100,000 to a 15% flat tax, which will mean that those earning in this range will save as much as \$2,163 per year in taxes. Taxing income earned over \$100,000 at 25% will keep more money in the pockets of Canadians. Simplifying the Canadian tax system will also save Canadians an average of \$7 billion annually in tax compliance costs alone. The PPC also intends to abolish the capital gains tax and carbon tax.

Q2 Regulation Would you encourage your party to implement a 2-for-1 rule to require the elimination of two regulations for every new one introduced over the next five years?

Yes

Q3 Small Business How would you ensure federal programs and interactions with business align with and respect small business realities?

Consultation with small businesses is the best way to ensure their interests and realities are being properly respected. Additionally, putting the corporate tax rate down to 10% is an effective and measurable means of ensuring a level playing field for small businesses trying to compete with large corporations. As a local MP, I would ensure I hold regular meetings with local Chambers of Commerce, business associations, and economic organizations to ensure I keep my finger on the pulse of small businesses in Peterborough-Kawartha.

Q4 Connected Canada How will you continue to improve access to high-speed networks in underserved communities? (municipalities as a whole and business)

Opening up the Canadian telecommunications market will increase competition for services, which will drive investment in local network infrastructure. The PPC believes in ensuring a free market exists so that local telecommunications companies that want to compete against the big three aren't pushed out of the market. Kicking the CRTC out of the telecommunications industry will also enable foreign companies to operate in the Canadian market, and they are more likely to be able to afford the upfront capital investment in network infrastructure.

Q5 SkillsWhat is your plan to help with retraining and upskilling of workers?

Education is a provincial jurisdiction. However, certain regulations can be implemented to ensure that trades, skills, and qualifications barriers are removed from between provinces. A PPC government will use section 91(2) of the Constitution, which gives Ottawa exclusive power to regulate matters of international and interprovincial trade, to force provinces to apply the principle of mutual recognition where applicable. This principle means that if a worker, product or service meets regulatory standards in one province, then other provinces will trust that they meet their own standards.

Q6 TradeWhat is your position on breaking down interprovincial trade barriers?

A PPC government will end interprovincial trade barriers. We will reassert the authority and leadership of the federal government on internal trade.

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Finally, we will appoint a Minister of Internal Trade whose sole responsibility will be to conduct studies, raise public awareness, counteract the influence of special interests that benefit from interprovincial barriers, and put pressure on provincial governments to get rid of them.

Q7 TradeHow do you view international trade agreements? What role do you see them playing in economy?

A PPC government will liberalize trade with as many countries as possible, while ensuring our security and protecting our economy from the threat of potentially hostile foreign investors.

We believe in free markets, and will pursue free trade agreements internationally. We will also pursue open skies agreements to increase competition in the air travel market.
