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2020 A YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Constituent:

Thank you for the honour of being your Member Parliament for Essex. My deepest desire is to serve you with excellence. My goal is to leave the world a better place than I found it.

At the beginning of 2020, while the House was in recess, I was busy attending community events and meeting with as many of you as possible. Being a part of the community, listening to what is important to you, is vital to my role as your voice in Ottawa. When Parliament resumed last winter, I served as a Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade.



“ Keep the hope. I’m really excited for the future, because, quite frankly, we’ve come too far to not do great things. ”



Chris Lewis, MP, Essex



My colleagues and I spent hours hearing from witnesses and studying the CUSMA, clause by clause. I was able to highlight a number of local concerns related to the auto industry, as well make the case for the tax exemption for estate wineries.

Little did we know, as March approached, that a pandemic would lockdown our nation and change all of our lives. From our frontline medical personnel to essential workers, such as truck drivers and grocery staff, to our educators, childcare providers, parents, children and small businesses - all impacted, sadly, none more than our seniors in Long Term Care homes.

I have had to adapt how I can best serve you. I love personal contact, to shake hands, meet a smile with a smile, offer a shoulder or a hug when needed. Zoom Meetings and virtual Parliament is now how it’s done. I spend up to 18 hours of most days on the phone or on Zoom. I am grateful technology makes it possible to get things done despite the challenges.

As the border closed and airlines were grounded, some of you were stranded out of country, others had trips planned that were cancelled (with no refunds offered) and many of you were separated from loved ones. Mass lay-offs meant workers could not meet their basic needs, like rent, heat and food. Forced closures left businesses in dire need, many shut their doors permanently.

My staff have worked long hours assisting constituents. In the last year we have handled thousands of individual cases and policy inquiries. Ensuring that everyone and every business gets the help they need remains my highest priority. If you need assistance or have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and serving you in the year ahead.

We have entered 2021 with much uncertainty and even more stringent lockdowns. I know many of you are under great duress. There are no pat answers, but I know that the intangibles - the love of family, our friends, the generosity of our neighbours and the blessings of community – are what will get us through. Warmest Regards,



Chris Lewis, MP, Essex



Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local communities, the backbone of Canada's economy, the job creators, the ones who, through the revenues they generate, pay the wages of our service providers - our nurses, teachers, police officers, paramedics and firefighters.

Communities thrive when small businesses thrive. 2020 was a tough year. Sadly, many businesses - owned by our neighbours and friends - didn't make it. As we hopefully turn this corner and begin the road to recovery, it is clear we must do better by our small businesses - less red tape, more real support.

As your federal representative, one of three in our region, my priority in the year ahead is to do all I can to help your business thrive. That is my pledge to you! Get in touch. Tell me what you need. Help me to best serve you. Together we will leave the world a better place than we found it.

Thank you so very much!

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Top Left: Encouraging local businesses that have done a great job regardless of the difficult year like BK Cornerstone Design Build - November 10th.

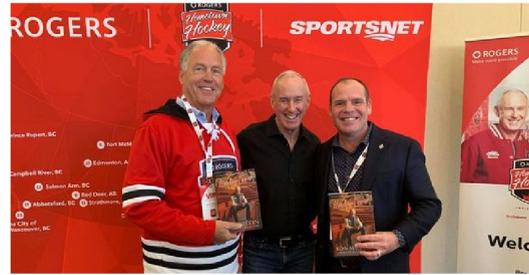
Top Right: Lest We Forget! Speaking at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Cottam - November 11th.

Middle Left: Speaking with Black Boys Code about their goal to close the diversity gap through workshops in the Windsor-Essex area - December 15th.

Middle Right: Speaking in the House of Commons - October 28th.

Bottom Left: Miracle June 27th Food Drive at Wildwood RV Resort - June 26.

Bottom Right: Visiting Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary for goose banding - July 2nd.



Top Left: Speaking at a UNIFOR press conference in Windsor about the need for Federal support for workers and their families — June 13th. Top Right - Hearing from businesses in Kingsville who had not yet come out of the first lockdown —June 30th. Middle Left: Questioning witnesses in my new role at Justice Committee. Middle Centre: Meeting Tara Sloan and Ron Mclean from Sportsnet Hometown Hockey Tour in LaSalle - February 23rd. Middle Right: Meeting with Essex Legion Branch 201 - February 13th. Bottom Left: Enjoying an evening at Kingsville Shooting Sports Association — Bottom Right: Conservative colleagues on the International Trade Committee during the beginning of the research for the new CUSMA deal - January 29th.



HAVE YOUR SAY

I AM HERE TO LISTEN. WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST CONCERN FOR 2021?

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Top Left: Celebrating Town of Kingsville Fire Department receiving their 20 and 30 year medals - February 10th. Top Right: Allsop Farm Pumpkins and More fall visit -October 23rd. Middle Left: Valentines for Veterans parents and kids craft afternoon in Essex - February 10th. Middle Centre: Thanking the frontline workers at Erie Shores HealthCare with gift bags full of items from businesses across Essex County—April 14th. Middle Right: Visiting Bally Bright Farm and supporting local farmers - September 1st. Bottom Left: Visiting local businesses, Anderdon Bee Co.— September 3rd. Bottom Right: A visit to the Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society (HEIRS) - March 3rd.

CORRECTION: In the last issue of the Essex Report, a typo resulted in the misspelling of "Amherstburg". We noticed only after the report had gone to press. Thank you to all who graciously pointed out the typo. Good to know you were reading my Report. To the residents of Amherstburg, as soon as the lockdown is lifted, I will be dropping by.

Hope to see you soon! Chris

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