

Welcome to Fall!

Wouldn't it be great if we could clone Ralph Goodale? He has been hammering the Conservatives all week in Parliament on their poorly-designed cut to EI premiums, which could actually cost jobs instead of creating them -- a theme picked up by some media outlets. It was also interesting to see the challenge to Justin Trudeau's position on pro-choice from seven former liberals and the reaction that received from reporters and columnists. Other stories delved into the split within Conservative ranks regarding Mr. Harper's income splitting plan and how his cuts to corporate tax rates have not delivered the results he predicted. A new theme is emerging about how inept the Conservatives have been in advancing their ideology.

Our messages to the public:

The Liberals believe in supporting sustained job creation

Canadians deserve to have a government with a plan for job creation and economic growth. The Conservatives' decision to cut EI premiums deliver none of this.

The EI rate reduction proposed by the Conservatives does nothing to encourage the hiring of new workers and it does nothing to stimulate the growth and wellbeing of the middle class.

Last week, the Liberals proposed an exemption from EI contributions for each new worker hired in 2015-2016; a benefit that would rise to \$279.15 for every new hire - totalling \$225 million that would produce more than 176,000 new jobs.

The Conservative plan would see EI rates cut only for companies paying less than \$15,000 in premiums. This would actually be an incentive for some companies to lay off workers to get the reduced rates.

Please read and share Mr. Trudeau's interview with Bloomberg news on job creation: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-09-18/trudeau-says-ideological-tax-cuts-won-t-spur-canada-jobs.html>

Items of interest from the news and the party:

-Spinning off of the criticism of the Conservatives plan to cut EI premiums, Justin Trudeau spoke about job creation in an interview with Bloomberg

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-Heather Mallick of the Toronto Star, who enraged Conservatives with her recent endorsement of Justin Trudeau, says the leader's stance on abortion is the right thing 'morally and

politically': http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2014/09/21/trudeau_gets_abortion_policy_exactly_right_mallick.html

-Done correctly, corporate tax cuts can conceivably increase corporate tax revenues to the federal government, but that's not the verdict on the Conservatives' moves: http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/toby-sanger/corporate-tax-cuts_b_5844710.html

-In spite of warnings from many experts, including the late Jim Flaherty when he was finance minister, Mr. Harper appears to be sticking with his income splitting plan...and splitting the Conservatives in the process: <http://www.pressprogress.ca/en/post/even-right-wingers-arent-thrilled-stephen-harpers-income-splitting-plan>

As always, there are many more items featured on our Seniors Commission Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bclibs/> If you don't have access to our page (it's by invitation only), send me an e-mail and we'll get you 'in'!

Looking ahead:

The New Brunswick election is today. This Friday, MP Joyce Murray is hosting another in her series of Breakfast Connections, this time on the future of the CBC -- one of the hottest topics in terms of calls and e-mails streaming into her office. Seats are limited so if you wish to go, check here: <http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=0730823c000a5c3c1b84c4902&id=3dea9f10b3&e=078b75c1ce>