

Member of Parliament for Yukon

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While we breathed a sigh of relief with the one-month reprieve from Trump's tariff threat, we also know that the threat remains. Having listened to many of you, I want to acknowledge the very real anxiety that is affecting businesses, families, and communities in the Yukon and around the country.

I want to assure you that while engaging with Yukoners, I remain in close touch with caucus colleagues and the federal ministers involved. With the Team Canada plan, our federal government has worked in close collaboration with the territories and provinces. We have been, and will continue to prepare for what comes, protecting our sovereignty and the things that matter most to us as a country.

While preparing for countermeasures, I recognize that we need to take a hard look within. We need to enhance interprovincial trade to boost economies and foster regional collaboration. Meanwhile, we're working closely with Canadian businesses to work to address and minimize the impact on workers and communities. In the Yukon, we have a lot to offer—our resources, our ingenuity, and our hardworking people. We will use these strengths to keep our economy going and our communities strong.

I have been proud to see Yukoners standing strong for what we believe in – our sovereignty, our economy, and our future. Yukoners know what it means to support each other.

Let us continue the amazing effort already underway to shop locally, supporting Yukon and Canadian-made products, and strengthening our own businesses. With this, we can make a difference. Every dollar we spend here in the Yukon, every product we choose that's made in Canada, is one more step toward defending our country and our territory.

If you are feeling uncertain about what comes next, you are certainly not alone. Indeed, this is a challenge that we must all face together. In the Yukon, we have a very special relationship with our Alaskan neighbours. As bordering nations, we have too strong an alliance and a history to be distracted by an unnecessary trade war. Together we can urge our American neighbours to recognize that this escalation is in nobody's interest.

This is our moment. We are Team Canada, and we are Team Yukon. We will stand strong not just for ourselves, but for the future we want to build together—from the Yukon to all parts of this great country we call home.