

Coming up tomorrow - **Wednesday June 30 at 6:00 PM** - is my next Facebook Live Q&A event. My special guest for this episode is my Conservative colleague, **Eric Duncan, from Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry in Ontario.**

Eric is an openly gay man in Parliament, and he is going to bring some valuable, timely and well-worth-hearing perspectives on a couple of the big issues: the banning of conversion "therapy" (Bill C-6), and his own fight to end the ban on LGBTQ Canadians donating blood. We'll also talk about some of the other big issues on the national political scene, some of which I touch on below.

You should take a moment to listen to Eric's statement in the House on the blood ban. It's only one minute, and it is very well done.



By the way, I was one of the 263 Members of Parliament who voted in favour of Bill C-6 to end the barbaric practice of "conversion therapy", intended to "fix" gay Canadians. Such a practice has no place in Canada. Those who argue that the bill would prevent private conversations between adults and their counsellors, or children and their parents, are simply wrong. The bill does no such thing. Such conversations are protected by the Charter, and the bill applies to institutional or

commercial programs, which often use coercive methods. I was proud to vote in favour of banning them.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guy Malcom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Guy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Malcom".

A Bizarre Ending to a Difficult Session of Parliament

This was a difficult Parliamentary session. The Trudeau Liberals, at every turn, displayed their disdain for the supremacy of Parliament and their absolute refusal to listen to advice from Members of Parliament or to share information with the Opposition. **Canada's democracy was repeatedly undermined by tactics in Committee and both inside and outside the House**, such as passing **secret** motions on Bill C-10. In that case, the Speaker threw the amendments out.

It was clear again and again the the people Canadians send to Parliament to represent them truly are "nobodies" in the eyes of the governing Liberals - not only 50 yards from the Hill (as Prime Minister Trudeau Sr. famously once said), but in the Chambers too.

Taking their own Speaker to Court

The final act was the most bizarre. After the House voted four times to insist that the government release unredacted documents regarding the firing of two scientists with ties to China from the Winnipeg Microbiology Lab, the Liberals continued to refuse the orders from Parliament. The committee offered compromises, such as allowing the Law Clerk to redact matters of national security, and to not release the documents to the public, but still the Liberals dug in. The president of the Public Health Agency was called to the bar of the House of Commons to receive a rebuke for his disobedience, but still refused to release the documents (we suspect, under orders from the Prime Minister's Office).

The government then took the Speaker of the House to federal court in an attempt to overrule Parliament's right to requisition government documents. The Speaker - who is of course a **Liberal MP** - has vowed to fight the matter, and issued this statement:



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

THE SPEAKER LE PRÉSIDENT

STATEMENT

Le français suit.

Power of the House of Commons to send for documents

On June 21, 2021, the Attorney General of Canada filed an application before the Federal Court of Canada to prevent the Public Health Agency of Canada from producing unredacted documents that had been requested by the House of Commons and its Special Committee on Canada-China Relations. The Attorney General takes the position that the *Canada Evidence Act* prevents the disclosure of the documents requested by the House and its Committee.

In my ruling of June 16, 2021, I stated unambiguously that the House of Commons' power to send for documents is not subject to statutory limitations. As Speaker of the House of Commons and guardian of its parliamentary privileges, I will oppose the Attorney General's application and take the position that the Federal Court has no jurisdiction to restrict the House's power to request documents. I instructed the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel accordingly. The Attorney General has been advised of our position, and the necessary steps will be taken before the Court.

Hon. Anthony Rota, M.P.

Bill C-10 Rammed Through but will the Senate Block It?

Bill C-10, an act which is intended to put big multinationals like YouTube on the same playing field as Canadian broadcasters, may have unintended consequences by allowing the CRTC to supervise postings from private Canadians - such as the video you make in your living room and post to your YouTube channel. Many Canadians have contacted me and my colleague MPs about this unwarranted potential control over our private social media use.

The Liberals used time allocation (closure) and prevailed on their friends in other parties to ram the bill through at 1:30 in the morning in the dying days of the session. It now goes to the Senate, where it is doubtful it will pass before the Senate rises for the summer. If there is an election this summer or fall, it will die.

Several Senators have said that this bill is flawed and requires detailed review, not a rubber stamp.

I spoke on Bill C-10, reflecting the views of many of my constituents who contacted me:



Greg McLean: Radical Pro-Environmentalist

I was pleased to be the guest on a videocast hosted by Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co who billed me as a radical pro-environmentalist for my support of practical ways to reduce carbon in our world while still enjoying the many benefits that energy provides. They were particularly interested in my Private Members Bill on Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage, and we also discussed pipelines, Canadian oil exports, the future of energy, and the role of Parliament. Listen here:



Next Big Issue: Critical Minerals

As the world transitions to other means of generating energy, and more technology, **our economy is going to need more and more critical minerals**. Conservatives on the Natural Resources Committee issued a dissenting report expressing our concern that government policy is restraining the development of critical minerals needed for future technologies including clean energy and modern equipment. Worse, our inaction and obstruction actually risks increasing global dependence on China, which is clearly of concern given China's recent actions in world affairs, and its stated objective to dominate the strategic minerals sector. Our dissenting opinion can be [found here](#):

The National Post ran an [interesting story prompted by our report](#) which outlines the issue very well. This will be one of the big issues of the near future.

Doorknocking in Calgary Centre

With warmer weather and some of the restrictions slowly lifting, I've been out doorknocking with volunteers. The past couple of sessions have focused on the Marda Loop part of town - Altadore and South Calgary - and included a stop for coffee at the beginning and one for a beverage at the end. If you'd like to come along, please let me know.





Please get in touch if there's anything my office can do for you.

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