

From the Desk of Glen Pearson MP London North Centre



(As read by Daniel O’Neil,
an organizer in the London
Canadians Against Prorogation Rally)

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Dear Friends & Co-Defenders of Parliament,

Today provides us the perfect opportunity to claim that Parliament itself is more important than any politician or political party. It represents how we connect with one another and it holds out our best hope for developing a caring society that is both equitable and just.

These past few years have seen the institution of Parliament itself sidelined by political opportunism and rank partisanship. Well, hopefully, that ends today, as thousands of Canadians across this country make their voices heard and take Parliament back for the people of Canada itself – its rightful owners.

Today I am in Ottawa, speaking to a similar rally against prorogation and also for a meeting with the CIDA minister to continue developing a coordinated and non-partisan response to the disaster in Haiti. For the next two weeks I'll join numerous Parliamentarians from various parties who have chosen to stay in Parliament and work for a better nation, despite the current prorogation. While some MPs work in their home communities and others carry on their duties in Ottawa, the reality is that it is proud Canadians like you, thousands of them, who stand the best chance of returning Parliament to its rightful owners.

I commend all of you on this very important day of citizenship for demonstrating your pride in this country and I join with my colleague, MP Irene Matthyssen, in thanking you for your support for the institution we are proud to work for every day. This is the citizens of Canada's day and we are inspired by your dedication. My best to all of you.

Glen Pearson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Pearson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Member of Parliament
London North Centre