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## News Release

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### **Budget Supports Jobs, Growth, and Long-term Prosperity for Canadians**

(Ottawa) - The 2013 federal budget maintains Canada on the path to more job creation, economic growth and long-term prosperity, local Member of Parliament Russ Hiebert says.

"While our job creation record is the best in the G-7, with over 950,000 new jobs since the recovery began, too many Canadians are still looking for work," said Mr. Hiebert. "That's why we're moving forward with the largest infrastructure funding commitment in Canadian history - \$70 billion. And, under the new Canada Job Grant, Canadians will now be able to qualify for up to \$15,000 per person to get the skills and training they need for in-demand jobs."

Economic Action Plan 2013 also helps businesses succeed by encouraging manufacturers to invest in new equipment, extending the "hiring credit" for small business, and by making strategic investments in world class research and innovation.

"And, although we're firmly committed to balancing the budget by 2015, that hasn't stopped us from lowering taxes in key areas. There are new credits to encourage giving to charity, adopting a child, and for those who rely on homecare services. We have also eliminated 'import tax' tariffs on everyday items Canadian families buy, like baby clothing, sports gear, and exercise equipment. This will address a major concern of Canadian retailers who have been losing business to cross-border shopping," said Mr. Hiebert.

He continued, "Canadian families now pay an average of \$3,220 less annually in taxes since we formed government. For example, Thomas and Rose are a couple with two children. Thomas earns \$45,000 and Rose earns \$70,000. As a result of actions taken by our Conservative Government since 2006, they are expected to pay \$2,220 less in personal income tax, including \$670 as a result of the Child Tax Credit and \$300 they have saved by taking advantage of the Children's Arts Tax Credit and the Children's Fitness Tax Credit. Thomas and Rose are also paying \$1,000 less in GST because of our Government's reduction of the GST rate from 7% to 5%. Combined with personal income tax relief, this family will benefit from a total of \$3,220 in tax relief for 2013, allowing Thomas and Rose to invest that money in important family priorities."

Mr. Hiebert noted that Economic Action Plan 2013 continues the all-time record

support for hospitals, schools, and other important health and social services in British Columbia. In fact, in 2013-14, federal transfer support to British Columbia will be \$5.9 billion, which is \$1.3 billion higher than under the former federal Liberal government.

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