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THOMPSON IMPRESSED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISION FOR 2007

Ottawa- Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, was excited this week to hear the Prime Minister's vision for 2007.

"The Prime Minister said that we will continue to deliver practical, tangible benefits for all Canadians and build a stronger, safer and better Canada," said Thompson.

In order to make Canada **stronger**, we will take action in four key areas:

- *Stronger democratic institutions, by setting fixed terms for Senators and introducing legislation to give Canadians a say in who represents them in the Senate;
- *A stronger federation- by respecting provincial jurisdictions and addressing the fiscal imbalance through new long term, predictable transfers and support;
- *A stronger economy- by cutting taxes, controlling spending, paying down the debt and making significant investments in our country's infrastructure; and
- *A stronger role in the world- by continuing to build the Canadian Forces and restoring an assertive foreign policy that serves Canadian values and interests.

To make Canada **safer**, we will continue to push the opposition to support new tough on crime laws that get violent, dangerous criminals off our streets.

To make Canada **better**, we have already taken action with our new Canadian partnership against cancer, support for the Rick Hansen Foundation for Spinal Cord Injury Research and new measures to improve patient wait times especially for children and aboriginals.

"The Prime Minister also stated that global warming is a serious threat and that Canadians expect their government to take action now to protect and improve the environment," stated Thompson.

To this end, for the first time ever in Canada, we will be moving to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from major industrial sectors;

- *We will be moving to regulate the fuel efficiency of motor vehicles, beginning with the 2011 model year;
- *We will be setting out enforceable regulatory targets for the short, medium, and long-term;
- *Mandating greater use of ethanol and other renewable fuels;
- *Introducing measure to make energy efficient vehicles more affordable;
- *Providing better protection from hazardous chemicals through our new Chemical Management Plan and;
- *Supporting new projects to preserve Canada's wilderness.

"I know the people in Wild Rose will be pleased to learn that in the next budget, we will be putting into law a tax back guarantee. This means, that in the future, as the federal government pays down our national debt, it will be required to use the interest savings to cut personal taxes," said Thompson.

"In addition, our farmers can look forward to additional measures in the development of new income support programs, particularly in dealing with the issue of cost of production," said Thompson.

"We are still committed to providing freedom of choice to western grain farmers, while continue to preserve a strong, viable yet voluntary Canadian Wheat Board. To this end, this week marked the start of the plebiscite on marketing choice for barley for western farmers. I would encourage all farmers in Wild Rose to cast their ballot, and the results will be announced at the end of March," concluded Thompson.

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