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Dear Constituent,

The Independent Auditor General of Canada has published a scathing report confirming that the Ottawa Liberals have failed to safely and responsibly manage Canada's borders. Since Justin Trudeau irresponsibly tweeted that Canada would open its borders to anybody seeking entry, **the number of people illegally crossing the border into Canada from the United States has surged past 1,000 per month**, with almost 20,000 people illegally entering in 2018 alone. The Auditor General's report has confirmed that this influx has stretched Canada's immigration system beyond capacity and created massive backlogs that will take years to resolve.

**As an immigrant, I care deeply for ensuring that Canada has a fair, orderly and compassionate immigration system.** However, the Ottawa Liberals are cutting corners and putting Canadians at risk by failing to stop the flow of illegal border crossers. The Liberal government has no plan to deal with this unsustainable flow of illegal border crossers. **They continue to bus illegal border crossers to homeless shelters, dormitories, and now hotels with no long term plan.** This does not represent a compassionate, responsible, or sustainable immigration system.

As the Ottawa Liberals refuse to fix the system they have broken, **Canada's Conservatives stand ready to regain control of our borders** and ensure that our asylum system works to prioritize those fleeing violence and persecution.

In your service,

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*Read the Auditor General's full report at [www.TomKmiecMP.ca/Border](http://www.TomKmiecMP.ca/Border)*  
P.S.: Turn over for more information on Canada's border crisis.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you think that the influx of over 1,000 illegal border crossers per month is a crisis?

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# Canada's Illegal Border Crossing Crisis: Key Figures and Statistics

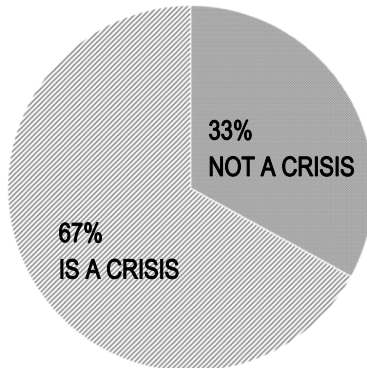
The Ottawa Liberals have no plan to address the problems they have created at our border. Beyond the cost of over a billion dollars and counting to Canadian taxpayers, there is a significant human cost to this incompetence. The pressures on limited resources at the Canadian border has meant increasing backlogs and delays for those fleeing violence and persecution to have their asylum claims heard. The Ottawa Liberals continue to throw money at this problem hoping it will go away while demonizing and personally attacking Canadians who raise concerns about this unsustainable border crisis. Canadian taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for the federal government's failure to safely and responsibly manage Canada's borders.

- The CBSA confirmed that **19,419** individuals illegally crossed the Canadian border from the United States in 2018 alone.
- The most recent data available, for March 2019, shows that **1002** individuals crossed the border illegally from the United States, mostly upstate New York.
- In May 2019, the independent Auditor General released a scathing report which found that the Liberals' failure to manage the situation at the border has created a **worsening problem of backlogs and delays** that stretch across the entire immigration system, particularly for the truly needy fleeing real violence and persecution.
- The current backlog that has been created is an estimated **71,000 people** who are awaiting a hearing regarding their asylum claim.
- The independent Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) has calculated that the cost of accommodating one illegal border crosser is **over \$14,000. That's more than the gross annual income of a Canadian minimum wage worker.**
- If the Ottawa Liberals continue to do nothing to address this crisis, by March 2020 it will cost Canadians at least **\$1.1 billion according to the PBO** - not including the hundreds of millions in extra costs to the provinces.

## Canadian Views on Illegal Border Crossings

2018 Angus Reid Poll

- **67%** say this situation is a crisis—Canada's ability to handle the situation is at its limit.
- **33%** say this situation is not a crisis—the situation is being overblown by politicians and the



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Let me know on the attached survey



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