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## Vellacott contrasts Liberal leader's flip-flop on carbon tax with Conservative economic leadership for Canadian families

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**OTTAWA** – Today in the House of Commons, Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon Wanuskewin), said:

Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Leader has some explaining to do. He spent the last 2 years telling Canadians that he opposes a carbon tax. But now, the flip-flopping Liberal leader has changed his mind.

He's decided to punish hard working Canadians by imposing a massive gas tax. He wants Canadians to pay even more to drive their cars and heat their homes, and this on top of his threat to increase the GST and to eliminate the \$1200-per-year childcare benefit.

We on this side of the House aren't the only ones who can't believe the Liberal leader wants to do this. His own MPs are worried, because they know that higher energy prices will hurt middle- and low-income Canadians, including seniors on a fixed income.

Under this Conservative government, over three quarter of a million jobs have been created. We have kept our promise and reduced the GST from 7 to 5 percent. The debt has been paid down, and income taxes have been reduced.

This Conservative government is providing strong economic leadership and is standing up for Canadian families.

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