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Kellie Leitch believes Canada is a place where every individual has the opportunity to reach their full potential in a free, welcoming and ambitious country.

Kellie is an exceptional Canadian and her views of Canada are rooted in her upbringing in Winnipeg and Fort McMurray, her educational experiences in Kingston, Toronto and Halifax and her drive to provide care to children and youth as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon in London, Toronto and Ottawa.

It's a perspective that motivates Kellie's desire to protect our nation, our way of life, our Canadian values, and our Canadian identity – a proud Canadian identity that so many have fought and died for.

It's part of her vision to build a Canada that offers the Canadian dream for those that are willing to:

- Work hard;
- Provide for themselves and their families; and
- Give back to their communities.

★ Committed to Public Service

Kellie was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Simcoe-Grey in Ontario in 2011 and is a respected Parliamentarian among her peers - MPs know her to be smart, tough and extremely hardworking.

She served as the Minister of Labour and Minister for the Status of Women in the previous government. As Minister, Kellie worked hard to keep Canadian workplaces safe, fair and productive. She championed policies that ensured a strong, well-protected workforce and increased mentorship for women entrepreneurs.



★ Hardworking Conservative Party Activist



Kellie has been a hardworking activist in the Conservative Party since she was 14 and has volunteered to help the Party in almost every role available since then: installing lawn signs, running a campus club, managing campaigns, and serving on the Party executive.

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★ Caring for Children

Professionally, Kellie has focused on helping others in her role as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. She has practiced medicine at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and presently works as a volunteer surgeon at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa.

She is a remarkable Canadian who has combined her background in medicine and business on several innovative projects, including as the former chair of the Richard Ivey School of Business' Centre for Health Innovation and Leadership and as the founder of The Sandbox Project, an organization focused on helping Canadian kids to grow up healthy and active.

★ Advocating for Healthy Children and Youth

In 2006, the late Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance called on Kellie to serve as **chair of the expert panel for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit** to recommend how to implement this tax credit designed to encourage health and fitness among children and youth.

In 2008, Kellie authored a Government of Canada report entitled "Reaching for the Top: Healthy Children & Youth" where she led the fight for a national injury prevention and childhood obesity strategy as well as policies aimed at improving mental health services for Canadian children and youth.

★ Kellie's Personal Profile



Kellie was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and lived in Fort McMurray, Alberta as a youth where her father started a construction company. Her father built a significant part of the city during the early days of Canada's oil sands.

From her father, Kit, Kellie learned the value of hard work and the importance of small businesses. With his encouragement, Kellie ran a small moving company and courier service in Fort McMurray that gave her an understanding of what small businesses go through such as balancing the books, managing staff and dealing with clients.

From her mom, Lynne, Kellie learned some of the important lessons that would shape her life. The most important being service to her community. In 1989, at age 18, Kellie tragically lost her mother to breast cancer. She hosts an annual golf tournament to raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of her mother Lynne who exemplified a dedicated commitment to public service and to helping those less fortunate.

Kellie's educational career truly makes her a remarkable and inspiring Canadian: Kellie graduated from Queen's University in 1991 with her undergraduate degree. She earned her medical degree from the University of Toronto in 1994, MBA from Dalhousie University in 1998, and completed the Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program in 2001 at the University of Toronto. In 2002, she pursued her specialty training as a fellow of clinical pediatric orthopedics at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, an affiliated hospital with the University of Southern California.

Kellie is among the best of her generation and this was further solidified when she was selected as one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 for her work in both medicine and business in 2005. She has published in the clinical and best practice model areas of the health care field.

In 2010, Kellie received the Order of Ontario for her work advocating for children and youth, an honour bestowed upon remarkable Ontarians who effortlessly give back and support their communities. **Kellie's exceptional life experiences make her exemplarily qualified to serve as Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and, importantly, as Prime Minister.**

