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## News Release

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### **WARKENTIN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST LIBERALS' PROGRAM TO COLLECT CANADIANS PRIVATE FINANCIAL DATA**

Chris Warkentin, Member of Parliament for Grande Prairie–Mackenzie, spoke out against the plan of the Trudeau government after revelations that it has proceeded with a proposal to have Statistics Canada compel banks, credit card companies and credit bureaus to pass on Canadians' private personal financial data without the consent of their customers.

"This week Canadians' were disturbed to learn that the Trudeau government had commenced widespread unauthorized surveillance of Canadian's personal financial transactions," Warkentin said.

"Canadians' bank accounts, cash transfers, ATM withdrawals, mortgages, credit card records, online purchases and more are subject to collection by Statistics Canada without the consent of Canadians."

"The government must immediately end this secretive and abusive intrusion into the private details of Canadians' financial records," demanded Warkentin. "The government should be protecting the personal information of Canadians. Instead they are engaged in a massive violation of Canadians' privacy."

Statistics Canada is compelling banks across the country for financial transaction data and personal information of Canadians without their knowledge to develop a "new institutional personal information bank."

"I oppose this violation of privacy and I will continue to speak out against this abuse. Canadians can count on Andrew Scheer and a Conservative government in 2019 to fix the mess Justin Trudeau has made."

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