

# Conservative Party of Canada 2019 federal election commitments <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Andrew Scheer to make EI maternity benefits tax-free

*A new Conservative government would put \$4,000 in new parents' pockets*

Andrew Scheer, Leader of Canada's Conservatives, spoke to new parents about his plan to help Canadians get ahead by making maternity benefits tax-free.

"It's young people – starting their careers and starting their families – who pay the most tax and are hit hardest by government tax increases," Scheer said. "I hear that you have jobs, you're working hard, but you're just getting by, and you're definitely not getting ahead."

"Only Conservatives can be trusted to make life easier and more affordable for you and for your family," said Scheer. "Making maternity benefits tax-free will put \$4,000 back in your pocket so you can focus on your newborn and not worry too much about your bottom line or bank balance."

Right now, in Canada, more than 80 per cent of middle-income families are paying \$800 more in taxes a year than they did in 2015. In 2018, the Trudeau Liberals and the NDP cost Canadian families hundreds of millions of dollars by refusing to support a Conservative bill to support young families.

"Conservatives believe parents are best placed to make the decisions that are right for them and their family," said Scheer. "Only Canada's Conservatives can be trusted to leave more money in your pocket so you and your family can get ahead. It's time for you to get ahead."

### FACTS:

- In 2018, the Liberals and the NDP cost Canadian parents hundreds of millions of dollars in savings when they voted against a Conservative bill, introduced by Andrew Scheer, that would have brought immediate tax relief to families.
- Families of all income levels and anyone that pays into employment insurance will be eligible for this new benefit.
- A new Conservative government will provide a tax credit of an equivalent amount for residents of Quebec who receive benefits under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP).

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