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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER: BUILDING CANADA STRONG, AT HOME AND ABROAD



Dear Neighbour,

In a time of global uncertainty, conflict and an unprecedented chapter in US-Canada relations, our government is working to make life more affordable for Canadians, diversify our trade relationships and **Build Canada Strong**.

There's always more to do, but we're already hard at work making the generational investments that will set Canada up for success in this shifting global trade landscape. At the same time, by creating the Grocery & Essentials Benefit, removing HST on new homes in Ontario and delivering a middle-class tax cut, **we're making sure Canadians have the support they need right now to get ahead.**

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Building More Homes for Canadians

We're on a path to double housing construction in Canada. So far, we've made the infrastructure investments needed to build **60,000+ new homes** in Toronto and to provide the financing needed to spur new affordable housing, including in **Midtown Toronto**.

Just recently, we announced our plan to **cut municipal development charges in Ontario by up to 50%**. Development charges are a major upfront cost that can delay or prevent new housing projects. Additionally, we've taken decisive action to **remove HST on new homes**, saving Ontarians up to 13% on the price of a new home under \$1.5M. **Together, these actions will reduce taxes and fees on a new Ontario home by up to \$200,000.** The data is clear: lowering these costs will help accelerate construction and build homes fast.



\$840

Annual household savings for
a dual-income family from our
Middle-Class Tax Cut

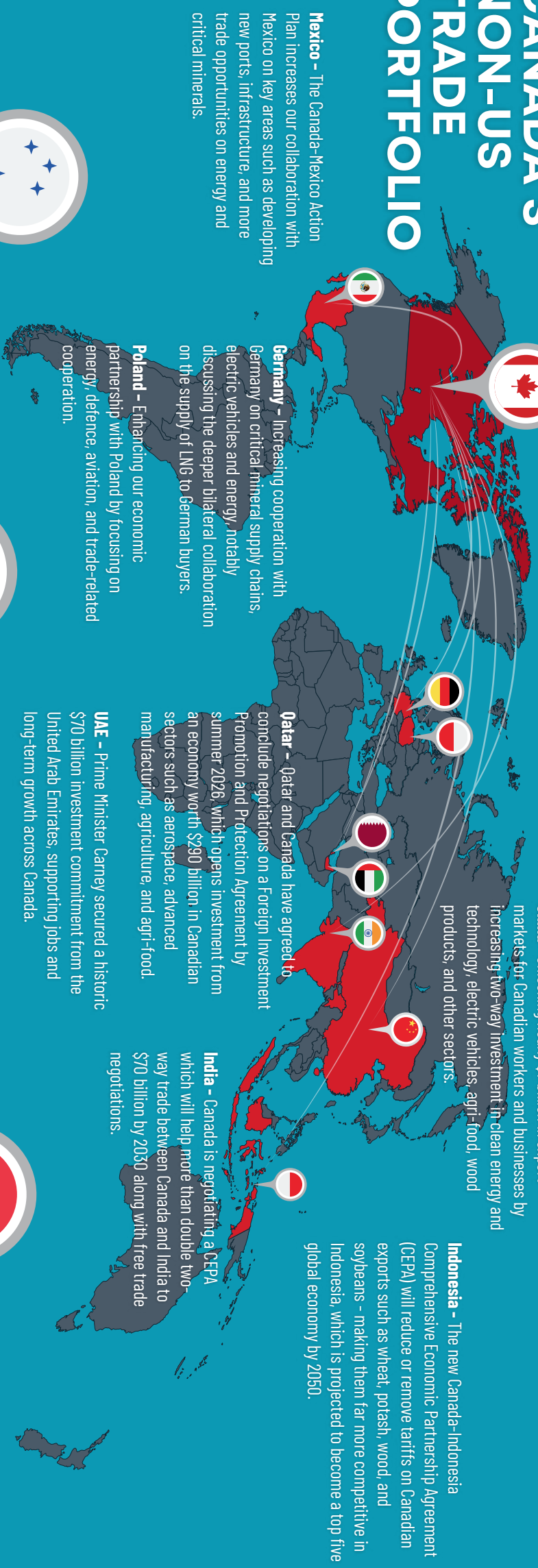
A Tax Cut for Tax Season

In our previous newsletter, we announced the **Groceries & Essentials Benefit**, a new measure easing the cost of groceries and other everyday essentials, which will apply to **12 million Canadians** and save families up to **\$1900** per year. Now, as tax season begins, I want to highlight one of our new government's signature accomplishments, a **middle-class tax cut for 22 million Canadians**, delivering household savings of up to **\$840** a year for hardworking Canadian families.



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DOUBLING CANADA'S NON-US TRADE PORTFOLIO



MERCOSUR Pact - Restarting trade negotiations with MERCOSUR, a market comprising Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. MERCOSUR represents a GDP of more than \$4 trillion and 260 million consumers. The free trade deal with MERCOSUR is expected to be completed by September 2026



EU/SAFE - Canada's participation in Security Action for Europe (SAFE) through the Canada-EU SAFE agreement makes Canada the first non-EU member to participate, unlocking billions of dollars in potential defence export opportunities for Canadian businesses.



ASEAN - Canada is negotiating a free trade agreement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and is planning to conclude it this year.

Our Plan At Work: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into Canada has reached its highest level since 2007 (Bloomberg News)