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A strong federal workforce is Canada's best defence against an adversarial neighbour.

Donald Trump's return to the United States presidency puts Canada – and the world – on unsteady ground. In these volatile times, a resilient federal workforce is crucial to safeguard our national interests.

Canada must be prepared to protect our economy, our security and our sovereignty. Trump has already laid out a vision that threatens all three – an alarming prospect for every Canadian.

The next four years will be a turbulent test of our national readiness.

We must be led by a government that can proactively protect Canada's interests while being able to react quickly to an ever-shifting international environment. To do that, the country will need to rely on a strong, resilient and agile federal workforce.

The public service is the backbone of government.

We must invest in the public service and ensure federal employees have the tools, environment and trust needed to best support our leaders and to continue providing the highest quality services to Canadians.

From world wars to COVID-19, a well-equipped and dedicated public service has ensured Canada could navigate global crises while continuing to support people across the country. We need that same determined workforce today – a fortified public service with the resources required to mitigate the impacts of an adversarial world.

This is the show of strength that Canadians deserve and how the True North will continue to stand strong and free.

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