

## Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and International Relations

### Which locals are directly impacted:

All Locals in Manitoba and their 40,000+ members and their families.

### CUPE Manitoba Priorities:

1. Reduce reliance on American contractors throughout the broader public service through a service delivery contracting-in mandate.
2. Lobby federal government funding for infrastructure projects in Manitoba is not tied to P3 delivery or other forms of privatization.
3. Oppose Federal austerity measures.

### Why it matters:

As the United States under President Donald Trump's leadership abandons any pretense of free trade and respect for the post-WW2 international order, it has become even more important to concentrate on investing at home here in Manitoba.

One critical way government can do that is by choosing the public option whenever possible, rather than contracting to private companies - especially American-owned

private companies. For example, many school divisions in Manitoba contract part, and in some cases all, of their school transportation operations to an American company, First Student. With the assistance of the province, school divisions would be more than capable of taking their entire fleets back in-house.

While the Province should absolutely be working with the Federal government to fund

infrastructure projects in Manitoba, we should be vigilant to ensure that public infrastructure remains publicly owned and operated. This means rejecting Federal demands to use private-public-partnerships and other forms of privatization as a condition for funding of roads/highways, water treatment plants, and other infrastructure projects.

Finally, Manitoba needs to be a voice in Confederation to promote and protect the positive role of the Federal government in improving the lives of Canadians, and to absolutely avoid drastic cuts to the provinces that occurred the last time the Federal Liberals faced a challenge with the deficit in the 1990s.