

## MP Bossio to lead rural caucus

Mike Bossio was named chairman of the reinvigorated National Rural Caucus by more than 50 of his Liberal Caucus colleagues on Monday night.

Nominated by fellow MPs David Graham (Laurentides-Labelle) and Kim Rudd (Northumberland-Peterborough South), Bossio steps into the role to share the strong voice of rural Canada with the government.

"I couldn't be more grateful to my colleagues for entrusting me with this responsibility. There is a lot of work to do, but you can really feel the energy and enthusiasm for getting it done throughout the Liberal Caucus. It's exciting to be a part of it," Mike Bossio, MP Hastings-Lennox and Addington, said in the release.

"We need to take a holistic approach to rural Canada. Rural Canada includes agriculture, forestry, and fishing of course, but it also includes access to high-speed Internet, cellphone coverage, tourism, small business development, mining and many other issues.

There are common issues in rural Canada, but no rural riding is completely alike."

Meeting regularly, the first task of the caucus will be to set the top priorities of rural ridings to bring to the government.

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