

## **NDP Response: Canadian Nurses Association**

### **1. Informal caregivers are enormously valuable to the Canadian health care system, saving it about \$9.6 billion each year. What will you do to support these hard-working and valuable caregivers?**

New Democrats value the work that caregivers provide for their loved ones. To help make life affordable, we will make the Canada Caregiver Tax Credit refundable. This will provide thousands of dollars to the most low-income caregivers, many of whom have had to give up their jobs to provide full-time care for their loved one.

Our bold vision for head-to-toe health care means that the NDP's historic investments in health care will take pressure off provincial budgets so that provincial governments can focus on areas of high need.

Caregivers have an important role in our health care system. New Democrats will ensure that caregivers are at the table when we develop our National Seniors Strategy.

### **2. In 2015, more than 1 in 5 Canadians reported that they or someone in their home did not take their medications because of cost. What will you do to ensure that Canadians have affordable access to prescription medications?**

The Trudeau Liberals say pretty words to get elected but turn their backs on Canadians when in government. They've now spent four years saying they'll think about considering a pharmacare plan while hosting 875 closed-door meetings with pharmaceutical companies.

The Scheer Conservatives have ruled out pharmacare – saying that they would rather leave it up to private insurers to help Canadians.

Decades of Conservative and Liberal cuts and inaction have left too many Canadians digging deep into their pockets to pay for prescription medication. It's time that Canadians have a federal government that's in it for them.

Jagmeet Singh and the NDP have a bold vision to provide Canadians with head-to-toe coverage.

Affordable health care is our top priority – this is why we're making a historic investment in universal pharmacare and dental care.

Our pharmacare plan ensures that all Canadians will have access to prescribed medication, at no cost.

***In it for you • On se bat pour vous***

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**3. In the home and community care sector, technology plays a central role in enabling remote patient monitoring and interventions in a patient's home. This makes it easier for Canadians to access efficient, high-quality, and cost effective health care remotely. How will you support technological innovation beyond hospital walls, including the scale up and spread of existing technologies?**

New Democrats recognize the role that technology, specifically, virtual care, can have in helping Canadians access health care when they need it.

We believe that health innovation can help cut wait times and improve access to primary-care physicians as long as virtual care and technologies are used in support of, rather than a replacement for, hands on care.

New Democrats will ensure that Canada remains a leader in health innovation by investing in important health research.

**4. We are seeing the negative effects of climate change on the health of Canadians already. Changing climate patterns are leading to the spread of infectious disease, cardiorespiratory impacts, longer allergy seasons, displacement-related mental health concerns, heat stroke, heat-related deaths, and more. What will you do to prevent and reduce the negative health effects from climate change?**

Canadians are already feeling the impact of climate crisis including the impact on public health.

Scheer Conservatives pretend that climate crisis isn't real.

But instead of addressing climate crisis, Trudeau Liberals have maintained the Harper Conservatives' emission reduction targets that are below what is required by climate science to avoid catastrophic climate change. And the Trudeau Liberals are failing to even meet these targets.

Instead of spending \$4.5 billion to buy a pipeline, New Democrats have put forward a bold \$15 billion plan to reduce emissions, create 300,000 good jobs, and combat climate crisis. Everyone deserves access to clean air and water and a healthy environment.