



Dear Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories,

Thank you for engaging during this critical election. Health care is the most important issue facing our province today, and voters have a choice to make on May 29. We are grateful for your advocacy and efforts to ensure Albertans with dementia are cared for and supported.

The Alberta NDP won't privatize health care - we will strengthen it. We won't fight with health care workers - we will respect, retain, and recruit them. We will fix the health care crisis of today by investing in your members and rebuilding trust.

We were proud to work with you to develop the Alberta Dementia Strategy and Action Plan in 2017, and if elected we will continue to work to move solutions forward.

Many Albertans with dementia are seniors who have worked their whole lives to make Alberta the province we know and love. It is time you have a government that shows up for you.

Living in Dignity

The Alberta NDP are committed to ensuring Albertans who have been diagnosed with dementia are able to spend their days in comfort and dignity.

We will increase capacity for homecare clients by 20,000 over the next four years, and fund community programs that give people who need help to stay at home support with things like snow shoveling, yard care, transportation and meal preparation. We will expand the Seniors Home and Adaptation Repair Program so seniors can make the renovations they need to stay comfortable in their homes.

For those who need it, we will add 1,000 more long term care and designated supportive living beds every year, and increase the hours of care provided to clients.

We will also improve quality of life and patient well-being in continuing care by holding providers and the government to a higher level of accountability, increasing facility inspections to ensure standards are upheld. We will address workforce challenges and fund modern infrastructure to address airflow problems, shared rooms, and other building challenges, as well as funding more long-term care beds.

Finally, we will re-establish the Seniors' Advocate and make it independent. We were proud to create this position to give seniors a strong voice in government - only to see it dismantled by the



UCP. The presence of an independent Seniors' Advocate was linked to better health outcomes for seniors in British Columbia during the pandemic, and we will make sure an advocate is in place for Alberta's seniors.

Recruitment, Retention, and Family Health Teams

The Alberta NDP will undertake the largest healthcare recruitment and retention strategy the province has ever seen. This will help reduce wait times and expand access to services. Currently, 800,000 Albertans do not have a family doctor - this has to change. Family doctors are a cornerstone of preventative medicine. They do vital screening, testing and diagnosis that can make all the difference regarding good health outcomes, quality of life, and overall well-being.

With the Alberta NDP, if you need to see a doctor, you will be able to see a doctor in a matter of days and always free of charge. This is our commitment to all Albertans. We will invest \$350 million to establish 40 new Family Health Clinics and \$400 million to hire an additional 4,000 allied health professionals across the province.

We will also increase the availability of respite care so caregivers can take a break. By investing in team-based and community care, families and caregivers will have greater access to care support and education.

In Conclusion

If we have the honour of forming government, we would be eager to sit down and discuss First Link, and any other measures we could take to support people living with dementia.

The Alberta NDP will respect science, honour the dignity of people with dementia, support them and their families, and listen to the medical community.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our vision for a better future for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

The Alberta NDP