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Over 15,000 individuals and families helped in 15 years!

Dear neighbours,

What a privilege and honour to serve New Westminster - Burnaby in Canada's 42nd Parliament as your MP! Our community is one of the most culturally diverse constituencies in Canada with over 100 languages spoken. We truly are fortunate to live in such a multicultural country.

My team helps constituents experiencing difficulties & with inquiries to federal government departments and agencies, including: citizenship, immigration & visa applications, CPP, OAS & GIS, Employment Insurance, Canada Revenue Agency



& tax benefits, Canada Student Loans and Veterans Affairs. We can also arrange special messages for occasions such as birthdays & anniversaries; provide referrals to other services offered in Burnaby and New Westminster; and we'll do our best to support initiatives that enrich our community.

I am here to also ensure that you have a strong voice in Parliament. Please do not hesitate to write, phone or email me your views on policies affecting our community. Please come by our office, beneath the New Westminster Sky Train Station, and see what we can do to assist you and your family.

See you in our community!

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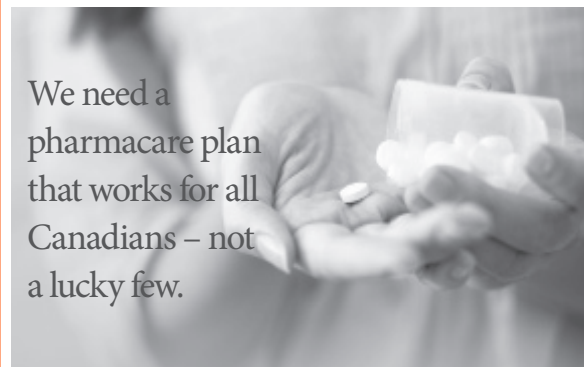
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We need a
pharmacare plan
that works for all
Canadians – not
a lucky few.



It's time to put people, not pharmaceutical companies first with universal pharmacare. A U.S.-style patchwork plan means Canadians can't fill their prescriptions.

Over 3.5 million Canadians can't afford the medication they need. But Justin Trudeau's Liberal government wants to keep a system that benefits drug companies and leaves Canadians to cope with steep costs.

New Democrats know that prescription drug coverage is a necessity, not a luxury.

That's why we're pushing for a universal, comprehensive, public pharmacare plan that will:

- Save Canadians \$4.2 billion every year
- Give Canadians purchasing power to lower prices and shift the burden of costs to drug companies, not consumers
- Ensure everyone has access to equal coverage, reducing emergency room visits and health care debt.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh and the NDP team are fighting for a public, universal and comprehensive pharmacare plan for all Canadians that will work for everyone. ■



Budget Review: Little Action on Critical Issues

As Charles Dickens wrote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The Liberals' 2019 budget is the best of times for a very small elite in Canadian society and it is the worst of times for everyone else. Canadian families are struggling under the worst household debt load in Canadian history. You would think that the government would want to do something when half of the Canadian population is living hand to mouth, basically \$200 away from being able to cover their expenses for the month. Instead, this budget has favoured their rich friends, and done very little for the majority of Canadians.

End discrimination against First Nations children

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal has ruled repeatedly that the federal government is knowingly discriminating against First Nations, Métis and Inuit children and youth by underfunding services. This budget could have fixed this broken system. Instead there isn't any new money for child welfare, K to 12 Indigenous education, or housing on reserve. Indigenous Peoples are fighting for their culture and their communities. But instead of helping, the Liberal government is letting First Nations, Métis and Inuit children and youth fall further behind instead of working to ensure that the rights of children and youth are affirmed, prioritized and maintained.

The housing crisis: Why won't the Liberals act?

When I think about housing, I think about my friend Heather. Heather lives with her daughter and her mother in a one-bedroom apartment and they are struggling to keep that apartment over their heads. Heather told me that she wished this country had affordable housing. She is not alone. Decades of Liberal and Conservative governments have destroyed public housing in our country. Sadly, this budget does not undo the damage. We need a government to commit to build 500,000 affordable home over the next ten years. We need a government that will help anyone who is paying over 30% of their income on rent. Instead this budget proposes a small number of measures that will only help people who were already in the position to buy a home. I'm proud to be working with NDP leader Jagmeet Singh to put forward real solutions for ending the housing crisis.

No Canadian should go without prescription medicine

This budget should have said, very clearly, that we need universal single-payer Pharmacare in this country now. Not 10 years from now. Not 20 years from now. Now. The federal government could have committed to making sure every Canadian has access to essential medications prescribed by their doctor. Instead the government chose the side of big pharmaceutical and insurance companies.



Photo: Peter interviewed by CTV Vancouver ■

Money laundering not a victimless crime. The federal government needs to follow the lead of the NDP government in BC against money laundering. Why does the Trudeau government refuse to put into place a publicly accessible beneficial ownership registry? And why does the federal government refuse to require reporting of huge cash transactions to buy luxury goods?



Photo (Adrian Wyld, *The Canadian Press*): NDP Finance Critic Peter Julian, left, looks on as NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, MP (Burnaby South) speaks to reporters at a press conference held in Ottawa on March 13 where he unveiled the NDP's top priorities ahead of the federal budget 2019 tabled in the House of Commons on March 18, 2019 ■

No Canadian should ever have to go without their prescription medicine because they can't afford it. The NDP believes you should only need to give your pharmacist a health card, not a credit card, to get the medicine you need.

Environmentalists don't buy pipelines

I'm happy to see some (though not enough) support for Canadians wishing to buy electric cars in this budget. As more information is released about the electric vehicle rebate, I'll make sure to keep my constituents up to date on the details of the program. Green transportation is nothing without green energy projects however, and this budget doesn't have money for renewable energy. It also doesn't have the money to make homes and businesses energy efficient. It's not surprising this government doesn't have a plan to tackle climate change when they've spent billions of dollars buying the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Will Trudeau's friends pay their fair share of taxes?

We have a tax system that is the most unequal of all industrialized countries. In no other country do companies pay so little tax, leaving everyday working people to pay the taxes needed to fund important government services. With a stroke of a pen, Prime Minister Trudeau could have made it so that the wealthiest Canadians no longer get taxed less on their stock options than regular Canadians get taxed on a day's hard work. The fact he left these special privileges in place for his wealthy friends shows that he's not on your side.

Stop tax evasion now!

Liberal and Conservative governments have let a tax system develop in our country that allows the wealthiest and most privileged to get by without paying taxes. It is believed that Canadians have hidden \$240 billion in overseas tax havens. This government says it's cracking down on tax evasion, and then leaves in place the rules that let wealthy people sneak money out of the country without paying any taxes. The NDP is fighting to change the rules. When rich and profitable Canadian corporations are paying their fair share of taxes, we'll have the money needed to help ensure that First Nations, Métis and Inuit children, youth and families receive access to equitable services through the implementation of Jordan's Principle and we will be able to build affordable housing, fund Pharmacare and advance the transition to a low-carbon economy with clean energy technologies and renewables ■

Peter in the Community



1 The “Royal City” New Westminster welcomed Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada in March at Qayqayt Elementary School. Glad to know that Her Excellency took such an interest in the New Westminster Schools Lunch Program - “Fuel Up!”



4 Burnaby 2019 Coldest Night of the Year was a great success with 285 walkers and 40 teams! A big thank you to the 93 volunteers and the Burnaby firefighters for coming out to help in so many ways!

2 I met with members of the National Association of Federal Retirees. Their work is focused exclusively on pensions and retirement benefits for current and former members of Canada’s Federal Public Service, Armed Forces and the RCMP. We talked about issues that are important to millions of retirees in Canada.



3 What a honour that NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, MP (Burnaby South) named me as the new House Leader for the NDP. This role is crucial in working with the NDP Caucus to strategize our priorities. We are committed to keep fighting for millions of Canadians whose lives have not been improved by the Trudeau government.



5 Great conversations about the social, economic & environmental costs of the Trans Mountain Expansion pipeline Project (TMX) with the New West Climate Action Collective. We are working hard to help save our environment.



Fighting for Dental Care for All!

Oral health is one of the most unequal aspects of health care in Canada, and many families simply cannot afford to have dental work done. At present, 32 percent of Canadians have no dental insurance at all, and approximately six million Canadians avoid visiting the dentist every year due to cost.

Many low and middle income Canadians suffer from pain, discomfort, disability, and loss of opportunity because of poor oral health. This means that many oral health problems go untreated, simply because people can’t afford care. Nobody should have to suffer the pain and indignity of dental problems simply because they cannot afford treatment.

After decades of neglect, the Liberal government is still unwilling to act on this urgent health priority. People shouldn’t have to choose between oral health and putting food on the table. **That’s why the NDP has a plan for Dental Care for all Canadians.**

Do you agree with Peter that dental care should be covered just like any other form of health care?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Why does it cost nothing to mend a broken arm, but break the bank to fix a toothache?

It’s time for this to change.

Have your say.

Comments:



ADD YOUR NAME AND DEMAND A PUBLIC INQUIRY
SIGN E-PETITION e-2092

The Prime Minister is alleged to have unconstitutionally interfered in a criminal prosecution to get SNC-Lavalin off the hook. Canadians deserve to get the full truth, now.

I need your support to have your voices heard in Parliament. New Democrats believe that Canadians deserve the transparent, accountable government they were promised.

That's why the SNC-Lavalin scandal is so disturbing – this is a Liberal government that has completely lost its way in its effort to protect their corporate friends.

The testimony of the former Attorney General, Jody Wilson-Raybould, was detailed and compelling, and so far, the Liberal government's only defenses are shutting down two different Parliamentary investigations – either before they got the chance to hear any witnesses at all, or after only a small number of the named, relevant witnesses could appear.

Even another former Liberal Minister, Dr. Jane Philpott, resigned from Cabinet because she could not support the government's handling of this scandal – and the Prime Minister's response was to kick her and MP Jody Wilson-Raybould out of the liberal caucus.

The OECD Working Group on Bribery announced their second-ever monitoring effort as a result of Prime Minister Trudeau's actions.

What Canadians need, and what New Democrats are demanding, is an independent public inquiry to get to the truth of what happened. Interfering in the work of an independent prosecutor for political purposes crosses a bright red line in the independence of the justice system. The Ethics Commissioner can't look at the full scope of this scandal, and the Liberals are set on keeping Parliament from learning any more about it.

I therefore invite you to sign the e-petition e-2092, which I am sponsoring. It was initiated by one of my constituents, Lesslie Askin. **To sign the e-petition:** please visit <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2092> click on **Sign the Petition** and follow the instructions from there. I invite you to share this information as broadly as possible by emailing this link to your friends and neighbours. **This e-petition is open for signature until June 29, 2019, at 12:37 p.m. (EDT) after which it will no longer be available for signature.** Until then, let's gather as many signatures as possible to help make sure that the government takes this issue seriously.

For those of you who do not have access to the internet, I'd be happy to forward you the [paper petition](#) that you could circulate and mail back to my Ottawa office, postage free. Please indicate this by contacting my Parliamentary staff by email peter.julian@parl.gc.ca or by dialing 1-866-599-4999 toll-free ■

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