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New Democrats

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Keith Karasin, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Karasin and Ms. Ziegler:

Please find attached our response to your election questionnaire. Thanks for this opportunity to present our positions on these important issues.

As the election is still a few weeks away, I hope you'll understand that not all of the fine details of our plans can be publicly released at this time. We will be releasing our full platform, which will include a heavy emphasis on health, during the campaign.

I am grateful for the important work that the Canadian Cancer Society does. I especially appreciated your assistance with *Howard's Law* – the private member's bill I introduced to establish an asbestos registry for public buildings. You played an important role in pressuring the current government to pass that legislation.

I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead to accomplish more good things for Saskatchewan people.

Sincerely,

Cam Broten
Leader of Saskatchewan's New Democrats

PALLIATIVE CARE

- **Ensure that every person with a life-altering critical illness has access to timely, quality palliative care regardless of where they live in the province?**
 - *We believe that palliative care options in Saskatchewan are far from adequate. Far too many people are not able to access the supports they desperately need. This is an issue that Cam Broten and our team take incredibly seriously. In the coming weeks, during the election campaign, we will reveal our specific plans to ensure that every person who needs it is able to access timely, quality palliative care.*

CANCER PREVENTION

- **A ban on the sale of flavoured tobacco products including menthol?**
 - *Yes, we support a ban on candy-flavoured tobacco products targeted at young people.*
- **Regulations regarding the sale, promotion and use of electronic cigarettes?**
 - *Yes, we believe electronic cigarettes require proper regulation.*
- **Prohibit the sale of tobacco in post-secondary institutions?**
 - *We are not prepared to commit to this. We would want to engage in proper study and consultations before pursuing a policy of this nature.*
- **Prohibit the use of water pipes (hookah) anywhere smoking is prohibited?**
 - *At this time, we are not prepared to make this commitment. Proper study and consultations would need to occur before we would consider this.*
- **Ban smoking on outdoor patios of restaurants and bars?**
 - *Yes, we support a smoking ban on outdoor patios.*
- **Ban smoking on playgrounds and parks where children play?**
 - *We are not prepared to commit to this. We believe smoking should not be allowed around specific areas where children play, but we would not support a widespread ban on smoking in parks.*
- **Increased funding for programs and policies to reduce tobacco use in the province?**
 - *Yes, we would devote more tobacco tax revenue to programs that reduce tobacco use.*