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To the members of CARP,

New Democrats recognize the growing needs of Ontarians as they age. We have a plan that puts people first, and we're dedicated to making life more affordable, creating and protecting good jobs and spending healthcare dollars wisely.

We'll start by taking the unfair HST off daily essentials including hydro and home heating, phase it out from the price at the pump and set a weekly cap on gas prices.

New Democrats also want to help Ontarians retire with dignity and security. For the two out of three Ontarians who don't have a workplace pension, the NDP will work with the federal New Democrats to try to expand Canada Pension Plan benefits. We will also develop an Ontario Retirement Plan to provide a defined benefit pension to those without an adequate workplace plan who want one.

Ontario families want to know that our healthcare system will be there when it is needed most. But for the past eight years, emergency rooms have closed, waiting lists for nursing homes have tripled, home care has been cut, nursing positions have been eliminated, and there are 900,000 people without a family doctor.

We will fund 50 new family healthcare clinics providing round-the-clock care, tailored to the needs of the communities they serve. We'll address doctor shortages by forgiving a portion of new doctors' student loan debt for those who practice in underserved communities.

Ontario's NDP is committed to improving the quality of life for people as they age. We'll support independent living by expanding help with shovelling the walk, fetching groceries and preparing meals. We'll also fund an additional one million hours of home care over four years—eliminating the current waiting list. Finally, New Democrats will increase the capacity of nursing homes by taking care of those on the waiting list with the most urgent medical needs.

Ontarians want change that puts people first. Together, we'll do just that.

Sincerely,

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