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Hello, thank you for the opportunity to speak about the needs of people with intellectual disabilities in our communities, I would like to say the BC Conservative party is committed to improving health services for all British Columbians, creating a more efficient and robust system. Please take a look at our policy section five is our health care proposal, we know a healthy community leads to a prosperous community.

1. Will you commit to changing the deadly and unacceptable health conditions faced by individuals with intellectual disabilities?

Yes, I believe one of the many essential roles government plays are to create an environment of equal opportunity for all citizens. As stated, we are failing people with intellectual disabilities; we should assess the situation and make changes to provide better health care for our community members with intellectual disabilities.

2. Will you engage individuals with intellectual disabilities and their supporters during the a policy-making process on all issues that impact their health and wellbeing?

Yes, the way to adequately address any problem is to have every stakeholder at the table, giving their input to understand the situation better and address the shortcomings. Once we review the issue, the government can provide better services to maintain the health and wellbeing of people with intellectual disabilities.

3. When in government, will you commit to ensuring the Ministry of Health prioritizes improving health outcomes and quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities?

I understand that addressing this issue would be beneficial to people with intellectual disabilities and the rest of our community. It could reduce wait times at the ER and other health care providers if we are proactive in providing a higher level of preventive healthcare to people with intellectual disabilities than we currently are. Proactive is usually cheaper and yields a far better result than reacting to medical situations as they arise from a lack of proactive care.

4. Will you commit to creating a governmental task force to improve the health of people with intellectual disabilities?

One of the policies we at the BC conservative party have is to Review all aspects of health care policy, service and delivery. We know a the review should examine opportunities for increased efficiency and develop mechanisms to ensure health care decisions made are in the best interests of patients and taxpayers, based on population and demographics, cost-effectiveness and patient outcomes. If such a review were to take place, I would make sure people with intellectual disabilities and their caregivers are consulted in the process to ensure we meet their needs.

5. Will you commit to supporting sufficient funding and resources to ensure people's intellectual disabilities will no longer face inequality in health and in life?

Yes, Every British Columbian deserves equality of health, life, and liberty. The government should ensure proper health services are available to all our citizens.

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