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Subject: Re: Will you commit to ending deadly health inequality?

Hello Dan,

Thank you for reaching out to me about these issues. You will find my answers below.

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

I commit to helping the organizations whose focus is helping individuals with intellectual disabilities by fighting to increase the BC charitable donation tax credit to encourage others to donate to these organizations.

If elected, I commit to fighting to increase the BC charitable donation tax credit from its current 5.06% for the first \$200, to 85% for the first \$200. This in combination with the 15% federal charitable donation tax credit for the first \$200 would allow British Columbians to choose where their first \$200 of income taxes go each year, if they want said taxes to go to charity.

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

If elected, I would be able to vote according to my conscience and the needs of our community, free from party politics. I would be happy to engage with individuals with intellectual disabilities and their supporters during any policy-making process.

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?

Our current health-care system is too overloaded and slow to deliver on the promise of universal care. To better make sure that all people in BC, including those with intellectual disabilities, have access to sufficient health care, I will fight to diversify our health care system.

If elected, I will strive to allow for more options in medical care, including a voluntary model to work alongside our public model and take the strain off of it.

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

As a Libertarian it is my goal to minimize the size of government. I would not create a new task force.

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

If elected, I would fight to reduce the tax burden on all British Columbians. This in combination with the increase in the BC charitable donation tax credit (see question 1) would foster an environment where those with intellectual disabilities would find life more affordable while receiving more support from those within their community.

We Libertarians believe that a voluntary solution will always beat a government solution.

Thanks again for reaching out to me! If you have any more questions you would like to ask, or anything you want me to detail further, please let me know.