

Memo

From: **Working Albertans**
To: **Alberta Politicians**
Re: **Health Care, Good Jobs,
Ending Tax and Royalty Giveaways**

Dear Alberta Politicians,

This election, working Albertans are asking you to put our jobs, families, and pocketbooks first.

We will not reward parties that hurt working people.

The Alberta Federation of Labour — in conjunction with our affiliates and partners — identified three issues working Albertans care about.

We found Albertans care most about health care, jobs, and ending tax and royalty giveaways.

For this election, we drew up a report card on where each party stands on those issues. Parties that share our values get our stamp of approval.

Health care. Ending tax giveaways. Good jobs.

Let's work together to get the job done!

Sincerely,
145,000 working people in Alberta



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PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

Albertans are clear: we don't want American-style private delivery, private insurance, or private clinics.

Albertans want better public health care, with shorter waits, more family doctors, long-term care for seniors, and smart investment in prevention, primary care, mental health, and reducing drug costs.

Yet we continue to hear talk of privatization from the Conservatives. They have circulated several memos outlining plans for American-style, for-profit health care insurance and are committed to expanding for-profit health care delivery.

Premier Redford has personally campaigned to remove the cap on seniors' long-term care fees, which would make their cost of living go through the roof.

Can we trust the Conservatives to stand up for public health care? Or do we need a stronger opposition to make sure they don't privatize?



GOOD JOBS

Alberta's economy relies on the oil sands. And so the oilsands must work for all Albertans.

Good jobs and value-added industries build a strong Alberta economy. The spin-offs from upgrading and refining the oil sands in Alberta means good, high-paying, long-term jobs.

But the Conservatives are shipping more and more raw bitumen to the U.S. When we ship raw bitumen to the U.S., we ship good jobs with it. We're already losing thousands of jobs down the pipeline. With the proposed Keystone XL and Northern Gateway pipelines, the Redford Conservatives have plans to lose thousands more.

Our members have said clearly: if oil sands are mined here, they should be refined here.



ENDING TAX AND ROYALTY GIVEAWAYS

Alberta sits on the world's most valuable natural resources. We are home to some of the most profitable industries in the world. Yet our government lives paycheque to paycheque.

Alberta has blown a hole in our revenue base because of years of tax and royalty giveaways. Alberta does not have a spending problem. In fact, our spending on public services is middle of road in Canada at best.

We constantly hear there is no money for health care and education. But there is no money because the Conservatives have chosen billions in tax and royalty giveaways.

If we want education, health care, infrastructure, and other services, the only solution is ending the free ride.

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