

Good evening Joanne,

Below are my responses for the questions you have provided:

1. When it comes to public sector wage rollbacks, they are a burden to everyone. However, I am more concerned about the accessible resources that health care services are losing. The more resources a profession has, the less it feels like a 'job'. In order to provide quality care for our people, we need to invest into our health care system directly through providing more resources in hospitals and care homes. This is how we can improve rural health care. To retain health care professionals, we need to ensure that the workload is not too much and that we have the proper supports in place. I would be a strong advocate for rural health care.
2. As a pre-service teacher, I know how important our education system is in Saskatchewan. What hurts is that there are many shortcomings in our education system. The reason for this is due to a lack of funding and resources in our province. What I would like to see happen is an immediate increase to our education budget, and an update of our Social Studies Curriculums. If your children are attending high school, they are receiving information that is anywhere from 20 years old to over 50 years old. This is an injustice that we need to address NOW. As well, I will be advocating for more schools being built to decrease the amount of students in our classrooms. With a lack of Educational Assistants and growing classrooms across the province, we are in for trouble unless we have a strong voice in the legislature. I am ready to be the voice of our teachers.
3. Precarious work rises and falls as the economy grows or collapses, but there are many ways we can aid workers in securing good employment. I am an advocate for free enterprise within our province, and if we reduced the regulations on our small businesses we could see a drastic rise in job creation. The more employment options our youth and low-income earners have, the stronger the benefits have to be in a competitive job market. Another way we can address precarious work is to lessen Saskatchewan's post-secondary tuition, which is the highest in Western Canada by over \$1,000. This is morally wrong. To combat this, I will be fighting for the government to give a direct conditional grant to all post-secondary facilities that states that the funding given to them will be applied directly to tuition fees in Saskatchewan.

When it comes to a \$15 minimum wage, I simply cannot commit to this unless it is done over the span of 8 to 12 years. If we were to immediately implement a wage increase this drastic, everyone would be losing jobs. What many do not seem to understand about our entrepreneurs are that many of them are barely scraping by as it is, let alone having to give their employees an additional couple of thousand dollars per month. A minimum wage increase also does not promise that everyone living at this wage will instantly invest it back into our economy. What I advocate for is a \$13 minimum wage over 4 years that is income-tax free, which would be more effective in dealing with our poverty crisis than the NDP's plan to raise minimum wage to \$15 WITH income tax. I am also a strong

supporter of cutting personal-income tax for everyone, meaning that if you earn \$13 per hour, you are earning \$13 per hour.

4. I am an advocate for woman's rights in and out of the workplace. With that said, I currently do not have a plan to address the issues facing women. Being a young man, I plan to have my own family one day. When I reach that point in my life, I want access to affordable child care so I can not only help provide for my family but confirm that my children are looked after. I would fully support the strengthening of our affordable child care, and fight for paid leave when it comes to domestic violence. If you are physically and mentally not well, work should not be your first priority. In this regard, I would also like to see the strengthening of our mental health services in Saskatchewan.
5. Climate change is a big issue that we cannot shrug off. However, I am deeply opposed to the carbon tax that is being implemented by the federal government. The fact is: if you are driving a car now, you are going to be driving a car tomorrow. A tax on carbon is NOT an acceptable way to combat climate change. Rather, I support economic initiatives that encourage green energy expansion. Tax rebates on clean energy installations by entrepreneurs, farmers, and ordinary citizens will be a strong way to influence our population towards the future of green energy. The more affordable green energy is, the faster we will be ready to convert.
6. To see stable, adequate funding in our public services we need the funds to do so. Once a strong economy is created and revenue is flowing into our province, we can invest into our future. What I would like to see happen is for our government to make long term investments into our economy through business start-up programs (and specific ones for our First Nations and Metis populations), investment into resources that are more stable than our rising and falling oil and gas prices, and supporting our small-business sector through small-business tax breaks and promoting a freer market.

Thank you for this opportunity!

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