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Dear Cathy Sproule:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as the New Democratic Opposition Critic for Crown Investments Corporation, the Global Transportation Hub and Regina Bypass, SaskPower, the Water Security Agency, SaskWater, the Provincial Secretary, SaskBuilds, Central Services, and Immigration.

We are two years away from a provincial election and our team of NDP MLAs continues to grow. Everywhere we travel in the province, we hear more people saying it's time for a change. New Democrats are leading that change. Over the next two years, we must continue to point out the failings of the outgoing government while clearly articulating our vision, highlighting our new ideas, and sharing our plans to deliver on them.

Saskatchewan people want and deserve strong representation and accountability from their elected leadership. The harmful choices and lack of transparency we've seen from the current government has led many to lose trust. In your role, you have the opportunity and responsibility to hold this government to the higher standard that Saskatchewan people expect, while championing the policies that will build a better future for Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan is a province blessed with tremendous wealth. We are the stewards of abundant natural resources and home to caring, innovative, hard-working people. Despite these strengths, and despite a decade of record revenue, the people of our province have been burdened by significant struggles. Debt has grown to nearly \$20 billion, doubling in the last five years. This government continues to hire out-of-province workers while unemployment in the province is at its highest level in years. The Sask. Party's response to difficult times has been to cut health, education, job training, and supports for the most vulnerable, while cutting taxes for the wealthy and well-connected. This approach has been shown, around the world and here at home, to hurt people and slow down our economic recovery.



We have been told that we have no choice but to accept that we will pay more and get less. New Democrats know better. We understand how to make the investments that will strengthen our economy and improve our lives well into the future. We are ready to lead the change that will see Saskatchewan people enjoying the full benefit of our province's many strengths.

Our next two years will consist of laying the groundwork for an NDP government that delivers real improvements in the lives of Saskatchewan people.

This will include working in the Legislative Assembly and in the community to build strong relationships with leaders in your critic areas and advocate for the best interests of Saskatchewan people.

Between the Global Transportation Hub, the Regina Bypass, the CCS plant, Bill Boyd's irrigation immigration scheme and more, the Sask. Party has a troubling record of scandal that suggests they're more concerned with the bottom line of their friends and donors than the finances of the province. We need stronger stewardship of Crown corporations and public resources to restore the faith of Saskatchewan people in our public institutions. Whether it's illegal drainage of water, the need for clear rules that promote legal immigration, a response to skyrocketing power rates or following the paper trail on shady government land deals, Saskatchewan people deserve an advocate that's looking out for them.

As Critic for the Crown Investments Corporation, the Global Transportation Hub and Regina Bypass, SaskPower, the Water Security Agency, SaskWater, the Provincial Secretary, SaskBuilds, Central Services, and Immigration, you will be standing up against the harmful choices of the Sask. Party and promoting the New Democratic vision of a better way forward as you:

- Ensure that SaskPower and the rest of our Crown corporations are being run competently and are providing the services and dividends that Saskatchewan people expect.
- Provide scrutiny to the operations in these key areas, working to make sure our Crown corporations are well-managed and Saskatchewan people are getting a fair deal.
- Work with local stakeholders, experts and oversight bodies to develop a strategy to deal with water drainage problems and the preservation of wetlands.

I am grateful for your commitment to our province and our opposition team. I look forward to working alongside you as we build towards the formation of a New Democratic government that will deliver lasting improvements in the lives of Saskatchewan people.

Sincerely,



Ryan Meili
Leader of the Official Opposition