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Subject: re: Arthritis Consumer Experts Survey for Alberta Election 2019 – Arthritis in Alberta

From: Dave Bjorkman

Response:

Answers:

Hello, my name is Dave Bjorkman Interim Leader of the Alberta Independence Party

I spent many winters as a welder in the far north. My neck has developed unbalanced calcium build up leading to moderate arthritis. My knees, hips and joints are all riddled with arthritis.

I can appreciate the problems faced in the labour force or by the general affects of genetic arthritis and severe rheumatoid.

We are a Separatist Party so please understand our platform is substantially different than the other parties.

1) We will increase EI (AEI) to a minimum of 2388 a month minimum wage with an over 850 dollar top up for long term care/disability. The maximum will be 3750 a month with a 1250 dollar a month top up for long term care/disability. This is the same for CPP converted to APP. Further we end subsidies to Ottawa meaning our medication/pharmaceutical production will come home to Alberta. This increased GDP will affect the AHS (Removing the wealth Centralisation of CMA - Canadian Medical Association). The benefit will lower ALL DRUG COSTS FOR ALBERTANS. We calculate Alberta's Health Services GDP with go from 5% to 11%. Imagine the impact on all Albertans when AHS goes from 22 billion a year expense to 10 Billion expense. Say goodbye to "Out of pocket or health plan costs to employees".

2) First Nations will receive Self Government. They will have access to 5.3% of Alberta's GDP (230,000 FN) which is 18.1 Billion a year. How the First Peoples choose medicine or enter the AHS will be their choice alone.

3) We will not tax Albertans from 0 - 45,000 dollars. Many Albertans quality of life who live with Rheumatoid Arthritis and serious disabilities will live very comfortably.

I could promise you program funding but instead we provide real solutions with real economics encompassing ALL Albertans.

PS: All current CPP received in Alberta will be upgraded to the new ratio of APP. This alone will result in substantial increases in all retired Albertans lives. Stop tripping over quarters to pick up pennies. A true quality of life and real viable Social programs are a achievable.

Thank you for your survey. Our platform seriously out performs anything left or right in the model you exist in. Please look at our policies:

<https://albertaindependence.ca/what-we-believe/>

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Bjorkman Interim Leader of the Alberta Independence Party

Please watch for me in the leadership forum.
