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HEALTH CARE RALLY - STATEMENT from Alex

I regret very much that my schedule does not permit me to gather with you today in support of keeping Health Care public and strong. During a time when so many other distractions dominate the public discourse, there is no issue more important or deserving of our attention. It is very alarming to watch the current Prime Minister lay the groundwork for increased privatization and, I believe, the eventual dismantling of our medical system.

I can assure you that New Democrats will continue to fight very hard and at every opportunity to make sure the Conservatives' regressive and ideological goal is brought to a dead halt. Because unlike the Harper regime, we actually believe that an innovative, publicly funded and universal system is the best and most affordable way to provide health care to Canadians. I know that an NDP government would work tirelessly to secure new agreements with the provinces that are rooted in proper respect and enforcement of the Canada Health Act. Policy decisions to put our medical system on solid ground into the 21st century would be guided by best available evidence and practices. And, we would absolutely not allow the Conservatives' unilateral decision to cut a \$36 billion hole out of the heart of medicare to stand.

Thanks to all of you for taking action to defend our cherished public healthcare today. Let us carry that action right through to the upcoming election when we will get our next chance to chart a different course for our country.

In solidarity,

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