

# A Message from Nurses: Health Care Priorities for Canadians



## Negotiate a new Health Accord

Federal leadership, stable funding, and a national health human resources plan that protects and enhances our publicly funded and delivered health care system.



## A national strategy on poverty

A strategy to reduce poverty that addresses homelessness, conditions in Aboriginal communities and child poverty, recognizing the connection between health outcomes and the social determinants of health.



## A strategy on continuum of care

A comprehensive national strategy on aging within a continuum of accessible, timely and appropriate care. A lack of access to home care and long-term care burdens families and the health care system.



## A comprehensive national drug plan

Canada is the third most expensive country in the world for brand-name drugs. A National comprehensive and universal public Pharmacare plan would save billions of dollars for Canadians, improve health outcomes and reduce suffering.



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Dear Candidate,

I am writing to you on behalf of 176,000 nurses from across Canada. Nurses know health care from the frontlines and we talk to patients every day about their health and their health care system. We are a large and important voting block, and nurses do vote!

Recent polls have confirmed that health care remains the number one issue for Canadians in this campaign, and the hundreds of thousands of nurses across the country are passionate about this.

Please reflect on the priorities nurses have identified on this card and visit our website at [www.nursesunions.ca](http://www.nursesunions.ca).

I want to thank you for your courage and commitment to stand for public office. Nurses appreciate all those who provide public service to our country and I thank you deeply for this.

Sincerely,



Linda Silas  
President



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