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Dear Senior Pride Network Toronto,

Thank you for writing in to share your priorities with us in advance of the 2022 provincial election. We agree with your calls to action, which are reflected in our platform.

New Democrats are committed to working in concert with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, including seniors, to remove barriers to services and programs that people in the community need. That starts with our commitment to launch a 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion Action Plan, so that government services like health care, education, and long-term care are inclusive of and welcoming to 2SLGBTQIA+ Ontarians. We are committed to consult broadly including with groups like yours, following the “nothing about us, without us” approach.

We are committed to creating a Seniors’ Advocate, and increasing funding to home care, so that more seniors can age in place. This commitment means increase funding for the homecare basket of services, introducing a caregiver benefit program, and a senior’s home safety grant program, which will provide seniors with up to \$5,000 to cover eligible expenses to make your home more accessible.

We are also committed to making long-term care 2SLGBTQIA+ affirming so that people can always live with Pride. An NDP government will implement 2SLGBTQIA+ training for staff, as well as invest in 2SLGBTQIA+ friendly long-term care homes and home care services.

New Democrats are committed to building 1.5 million new homes over the next ten years and investing in a Housing First Strategy, so that all Ontarians have access to safe, secure, and affordable housing to build a stable life. The NDP’s housing plan includes commitments to working with municipalities to build and upgrade tens of thousands of social housing units and new supportive housing units for people living with mental health and addictions challenges.

If you are interested in learning more about our platform commitments, please visit:

<https://www.ontariondp.ca/platform/>

Thank you again for writing in, and for advocating for improved supports for 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Andrea Horwath". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Andrea Horwath
Leader of Ontario’s NDP