

WHY IS HEALTH CARE FOR SALE?

The platform we are working towards includes issues that promote health and safety for Canadians. We support initiatives put forth by the recent government responding to serious crime that needs immediate attention. We are however greatly concerned that our health care system is not being properly managed or protected from corrupt influence. Backroom deals with the Pharmaceuticals and corporate powers continue to erode health care. In relation to corrupt influence and these deals one of the most destructive challenges to health care comes from the recent thrust towards P3 projects that have devastated Britain's health care system. If P3s are being built to provide lucrative stockholder dividends where are the yearly profits going to come from for the next 30 years or more? Profits are generated through a yearly reduction of medical services along with slashing of social programs in the community. Slashing social programs in the community are a part of the hidden costs. The social programs being slashed include funding for special needs children and for the elderly to meet the demands of corporate greed. These are the vulnerable and future generations of our society who need political voices willing to defend justice for those unable to defend themselves. I think this is a platform most of us can support. A message those we elect are obligated to work towards as employees of the people.

U.S. Presidential candidates declare NAFTA up for review. Now there is no excuse. Take health care off the table shielding it from corporate corruption including Canadian agencies subject to bribery. Corruption and bribery! Ask any Canadian if such is involved in selling health care to those motivated by corporate profit rather than patient care. Under corporate management poorly trained and underpaid workers are replacing health care workers who have been a dedicated asset with the skills needed for health care. It would be unfair to blame poorly trained workers as the direct cause of death from infectious disease involving improperly decontaminated sources of infection. Responsibility rests directly on the shoulders of political leaders who remain silent to the needless death and suffering they seem to ignore. In the smoke and mirrors arena of politics blame for destructive health care policy appears to be the fault of Provincial government, which is only partially true. There are other factors in which the Federal government is directly responsible.

We pay taxes. Approximately two-thirds of our tax burden is Federal tax. From those taxes a portion is paid back to each Province to finance things like education, major projects and health care. It's called transfer payments but it's still our money to support the things already paid for by our taxes. Up until the 1990s we received approximately 50% back in these transfer payments. Everything worked fine and needs were met. However, for whatever reason, the Federal government decided to slash transfer payments to approximately 13% creating a fiscal imbalance. Since health care, education etc., cannot survive on 13% it all began to self-destruct. This situation created by Federal leaders catered to conditions required by corporate America to begin dismantling Canadian health care. During this time our elected leaders have continued to remain silent. In full view of exscalting suffering this is a shameful representation for all Canadians. With NAFTA up for review we have the opportunity to put our leaders on notice. Do the job we hired you to do or be replaced.

- We need leaders who will step forward to act decisively.
- Leaders who understand they'll be removed for failure to act.
- Leaders who will aggressively take our petitions to Ottawa as the voice of the people we hired them to be.

Health care is ours. We paid for it. It belongs to all Canadians.
Restore fiscal balance now or step aside.

Respected leaders cater to corporate restructuring of health care. Can we afford four more years of loss? Health care is ours; we can defend it.