

From: Shelley Blackmore <shellblac@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: Greetings from Developmental Service Agencies in the Huron/Bruce Riding

Thanks for reaching out on behalf of the Community Living Organizations in Huron-Bruce. I'm well aware of the good work you do on behalf of those with developmental disabilities in our community.

We Ontario Liberals embrace the values of equity, diversity and inclusion and look after our most vulnerable citizens. Our Party Platform reflects those values.

The housing crisis is affecting all sectors in society, but it is an acute problem for your clients. Ontario Liberals will build 1.5 million new homes including units for lower income individuals and for those needing extra support. We will assist non-profits and municipalities to build more affordable homes and re-introduce rent controls as well as providing renters with a path to ownership, We will make sure new development is accessible to grocery stores and other services.

Our Senior Care revolution has policies that will allow people to age at home by investing \$2 billion annually in home care. We know that staffing shortages have prevented the provision of quality home care in Huron-Bruce. We will pay tuition to train PSWs and raise their pay to a minimum of \$25 per hour as well as improving working conditions by providing full time positions with benefits. We will help seniors and the disabled pay for home repairs and assisted living devices. We will stop the practice of warehousing those who require long-term care in huge facilities, and instead build smaller, community-based homes, similar to the Group Home model. Our ultimate goal is to have a model of senior care similar to that in Denmark.

Affordability is a huge issue, and for those on ODSP, it is becoming insurmountable to live on the current levels of support. We have committed to raising minimum wage to \$16 when we are elected and work towards a living wage. We will raise ODSP by 20 % over the first two years and the threshold for extra earnings to \$6000. We know the system needs to be overhauled and we are restoring the Basic Income Demonstration Project, with a goal to move towards proving that a Universal Basic Income will be the best system for Ontarians.

More details about our whole Platform, Ontario A Place to Grow, can be found at this link:

<https://ontarioliberal.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Ontario-Liberal-Platform.pdf>

Thank you for advocating for the people you serve. Ontario Liberals will help you in your efforts. If I am elected as your MPP, you can be sure that when you reach out to me for assistance, I will follow through.

Sincerely,
Shelley