

MONEY FOR PUBLIC SERVICES – NOT FOR WAR

TO: THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

WHEREAS:

- The growing international arms race is making the world more unstable as countries seek to “protect” themselves by increasing military spending;
- Military spending diverts funds away from social services and programs that address poverty, economic inequality, and long-term security;
- Liberal Prime Minister Mark Carney intends to quadruple military spending to \$150 billion annually (and roughly half of all procurement spending will be spent outside Canada, including in the US);
- This money comes at the expense of urgently-needed investment in health care, child care, housing, education, public transit, and more;
- Canada’s parliamentary budget officer has already called attention to the loss of tens of thousands of public sector jobs - the very people needed to deliver timely and high quality federal services & programs for such things as: Housing, Pharmacare, Child Care, Indigenous Services, Gender & Equity, Disability Support programs, Employment Insurance; Transportation Safety; Old Age Security and the Canada / Quebec Pension Plan; research grants; and more;
- Public services & programs make life more affordable for all of us, yet federal funding cuts to provincial- and territorially-delivered public services will exacerbate staffing shortages and declining quality of services at all levels;
- Canada’s sovereignty is best protected by becoming a world leader in: creating good jobs through investment in high quality, truly universal public services; therefore

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CANADA call on Prime Minister Mark Carney and all Members of Parliament to:

- Reverse course and prioritize adequate funding for all public services and programs, such as: Housing, Pharmacare, Child Care, Indigenous Services, Gender & Equity, Disability Support programs, Employment Insurance; Transportation Safety; Old Age Security and the Canada / Quebec Pension Plan; research grants; and more;
- Ensure that federal funding and resources for services and programs keep up with inflation & demand, and ensures livable wages & staffing ratios for those who deliver those services and programs; and
- Increase taxes on profitable corporations and wealthy individuals to generate the funding necessary to properly invest in the services and programs we rely on.

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I want to fight for sustainable public funding that includes adequate staffing to properly support communities and the economy.

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