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Hi Jillian, and thank you for the questions.

The People's Party of Canada is founded on four foundational principles: Freedom, Responsibility, Fairness and Respect. These principles guide and form the policies of the People's Party.

One's sexual orientation is not my business, and I have long abided by a slogan I learned in the rooms of AA, many years ago, "Live and Let Live". It was in these rooms, nearly 37 years ago, that I learned how to accept myself, and I begin the journey towards a life of recovery from substance abuse. A few of my closest confidants in the program, who were my biggest support, were gay - hiding their orientation; hiding who they were; and I saw first-hand, the toll this took on them. We all have a story. We all have felt we have something to conceal from the world; but, the reality is, as soon as we begin to accept ourselves, we can begin to love ourselves, and this will resonate throughout the world that surrounds us. We don't have a policy around the subject of equality, specifically tailored for 2SLGBTQIA+. Instead, we have distinct values, which are those of a contemporary Western civilization. They include: democracy; individual rights and freedoms, including freedom of religious belief and freedom to criticize religion; equality between men and women; the equal treatment of all citizens regardless of ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

Government is intended to legislate and govern. Our government needs to safeguard the inherent rights of Canadians, that which is bestowed on us under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; a bill of rights which is entrenched in the Constitution of Canada. Among other rights and freedoms, this Charter guarantees the right to equality and freedom of expression. In recent years, these two fundamental rights have been trampled by the Liberal Government, supported by the Conservative and NDP parties, evidenced by the Covid mandates. On behalf of a minority of Canadians, the People's Party of Canada pleaded with the Government of Canada to honour and uphold the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A People's Party of Canada will honour and uphold Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to ensure all Canadians are safe and accepted.

Regarding gender affirming care, the People's Party of Canada will repeal Bill C-4, also known as "conversion therapy bill", which is a ban on helping minors who suffer from gender dysphoria, in order to accept the body they were born in. Bill C-4 was unanimously adopted by all parties in the House of Commons, in 2021. The Bill criminalizes parents and therapists who try to help minors with gender dysphoria accept who they are. In effect, the law bans "conversion therapy" in one direction, but allows it in the other. It is illegal to treat children for gender dysphoria, but it is legal to encourage them to undergo "gender affirming therapy" and mutilate their body.

The People's Party of Canada will outlaw the mutilation of minors by modifying the Criminal Code to outlaw the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and any form of bodily mutilation on minors

with the goal of “transitioning” to another sex. Moreover, any person encouraging minors to “transition” will be held criminally responsible for attempting to cause harm.

At age of majority, an individual can proceed with whatever treatment they are compelled to do; however, the People's Party of Canada will abolish federal programs that fund sex change operations for civil servants and prisoners.

An important subject relating to gender affirming care that is on the minds of many Canadians is, women's rights and security being trampled in order to accommodate men pretending to be women. Women and children are encountering men in changing rooms and bathrooms. Violent male criminals who identify as women are being incarcerated in women's prisons. The transfer to women's prisons of male inmates who self-identify as women, has been standard practice in Canada since it was introduced by the Trudeau government in 2018. It has resulted in criminals with histories of sexual abuse against women being housed alongside female inmates, with several cases of violent behavior being reported in the media. This will end with a People's Party of Canada government. We will protect women's spaces; including, but not limited to, prisons, shelters, bathrooms, and changing rooms – from intrusion by biological men.

Lastly on this subject, women have to unfairly compete with men, in sports. Women have worked very hard for many decades for equal rights; and to accept that men can now take or share the podium in sports events and competitions, is not only insulting, but erodes the advances women have made towards equality. A People's Party of Canada will forbid biological men from participating in women's sports, regulated and funded by the federal government.

Regarding the current housing crisis, it needs to first be understood that housing is primarily a provincial or local responsibility. Ottawa's involvement over the years has only resulted in distorting the housing market. There is nothing the federal government can do to change provincial or municipal zoning laws, but it can stop contributing to the overheating of the housing market in different ways. The cause of the housing crisis was largely due to the number of immigrants Canada accepted these past 9 years. More than 1 million immigrants entered Canada in 2023, and the same again in 2024. Housing prices and rental vacancy rates became distorted. The People's Party of Canada will impose a moratorium on new permanent residents for as many years as necessary, until the housing crisis has cooled down. Thereafter, we will substantially lower the number of permanent residents Canada accepts every year, to between 100,000 and 150,000, depending on economic and other circumstances.

Secondly, inflation has become a major problem in every sector of the economy, and is a consequence of inflationary monetary policy – that is, the Bank of Canada having printed too much money in order to fund the Trudeau government's gigantic deficits. This inflationary policy adds to the already overheated conditions in the housing market. The People's Party of Canada will modify the Bank of Canada's inflation target, from 2% to 0%. This will cool down inflation in all sectors, including housing.

The People's Party of Canada will privatize or dismantle the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), a mammoth government agency that fuels the housing crisis instead of helping to cool it down. All it has ever done is encourage Canadians to buy houses they can't afford, and accumulate massive amounts of debt that the federal government, and ultimately Canadian taxpayers, will be responsible for.

Finally, a People's Party of Canada government will work with provinces to curb speculation and money laundering by foreign, non-resident buyers in Canada's land and housing markets.

Thank you for this opportunity to express myself, my beliefs, and iterate the platform of People's Party of Canada.

I welcome the opportunity to also take questions at debate, should the opposing party nominees wish to have an open discussion about what matters most to our communities across Central Nova and Canada.

Best regards,

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