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**Subject:**

RE: Federal Election Questions

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Hey there!

I am so glad to hear from you! I reached out previously but it likely went to spam.

Part of my own strategy to protect and extend equality is through visibility. I don't hide my own transition, and have spoken across the province for years sharing my story. The NDP is very passionate about inclusivity and fighting for the rights of all, the Queer community included.

The volunteer work I've done personally in the last 10 years has been around community building. I would ensure that diverse flags are flown at all levels of government. I would promote and attend Pride events, as well as Queer focused social events. I would do whatever I could to continue to tear down stigmas that surround our community.

The NDP is supportive of creating more access to gender affirming care. We couldn't necessarily just go in to the system and mold everything the way we want it as the provinces administer healthcare, but we could work closely with the provincial health ministers to create more capacity for out of province travel to other qualified surgeons in Canada to alleviate some of the bottleneck at the GRS clinic in Montreal.

I am personally invested in resolving the housing crisis - I live in a tiny house off grid and dream of having running water again lol. The NDP has put forth some great ideas, using federally owned land and assets to create more housing units, implementing rent caps, banning corporate landlords from buying up all of our housing. I think public housing will go a long way to helping us out of this rut as well. I will ensure that Central Nova is not forgotten about or left out of any programs that will create more homes.

Thanks so much for sharing this with your members. I will be in the area around the end of this week if you or any other community members wanted to meet up for a cup of tea to chat more, that would be great!

Thanks, take care,

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