



Thank you for your letter and for engaging Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) members across Alberta in a critically important election.

Affordability is a core concern for many Albertans. They are worried about how they will afford essential things like groceries, utilities, rent, mortgage payments, and auto insurance. Unfortunately the UCP failed to provide real support.

The Alberta NDP government will cap electricity costs this summer, and launch a review of the utility sector to improve competition and lower prices in the longer term. We will also freeze auto insurance rates, freeze personal income taxes and commit to no provincial sales tax and no provincial carbon tax - all to give Albertans more money in their pockets.

Our investments in Family Health Teams mean that if you need a doctor, you will get to see a doctor, in a matter of days, for free and within your community. We will also undertake the largest health worker recruitment and retention strategy in Alberta's history.

Perhaps most importantly for CFIB members, we will be committed to a strong economy, including measures to support small and medium sized businesses across the province.

Eliminating the Small Business Tax

Small businesses are a major economic driver in the province, employing more than one million Albertans. However, Alberta's small business owners have struggled over the last few years and they deserve more help.

We're eliminating the small business tax for all non-professional corporations to help local businesses get back on their feet and support aspiring entrepreneurs as they pursue their dreams.

Under an Alberta NDP government, the small business tax rate will be 0% for over 100,000 small businesses. By eliminating the small business tax, business owners could save up to \$10,000 per year.

We've seen CFIB's recent surveys showing that 62 per cent of small businesses are still experiencing below-normal sales while 64 per cent are still working through pandemic-related debt, with 80 per cent of business owners still reporting pandemic stress.

Eliminating the small business tax will support more than 100,000 small businesses, including retail establishments, restaurants, mechanic shops, family farms, and more.

We will also bring back the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

STEP is a 16-week wage subsidy program that will operate over the summer, providing employers \$7 per hour to offset the cost of hiring and training students. We deeply value the work you do to train and employ young Albertans, and we want to support you in this work.



Alberta succeeds when we all succeed together. Thank you for the opportunity to respond, and we look forward to continuing our strong relationship.

Sincerely,

The Alberta NDP