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Honourable David Eby, KC Leader British Columbia New Democratic Party #320 - 34 West 7th Ave Vancouver, BC - V5Y 1L6

Via Email: contact@bcndp.ca

Dear Mr. Eby:

## Re: Your party's position on important health issues

We write on behalf of the members of the BCPS Employees for Freedom (BCPSEF) and United Health Care Workers of BC (UHCWBC) Societies which are dedicated not-for-profit societies advocating for medical privacy and bodily autonomy for civil servants in British Columbia. In November 2021, many of our members were placed on leave without pay (and/or fired) by the government when it implemented HR Policy 25—the requirement to receive the COVID vaccine to keep our jobs.

With the launch of the next provincial general election, we would like to learn where your party currently stands on issues of great importance to our members. These issues are:

**Informed Consent:** Does your party believe that everyone must be fully informed about the risks and benefits of any medical product or procedure, prior to agreeing to it?

**Bodily autonomy:** Does your party believe people have the right to decide what medical products to take, and what medical procedures they will undergo? This is often referred to as, "My body, my choice."

**Medical Privacy:** Does your party believe people's medical files and medical history should be kept confidential (between the individual and their medical providers), barring exceptional circumstances? **Rehire Fired Workers:** Does your party support hiring back provincial employees who were fired due to the provincial government's vaccine mandate (known as HR Policy 25 and now rescinded)?

We look forward to hearing from you, at your earliest convenience, and will be sharing your response with our members. Should you like to learn more about BCPS Employees for Freedom and United Health Care Workers of BC, please visit:

- bcpsforfreedom.com
- unitedtogether.ca

Warm regards,

Philip Davidson President, BCPSEF Jed Ferguson President, UHCWBC