



# NDP Responds

Note: We have yet to release our full platform but here are the answers to date outlining our commitments.

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Dear Mr. Elliott,

The New Democratic Party is pleased to provide more detail in relation to issues raised in your letter of August 17, 2015. Please share the information that follows with those in your organization who may be aware of our initial response.

With particular reference to Question 2: Saving lives through supervised consumption services but relevant to New Democrats' broader approach to HIV/AIDS issues:

A New Democratic government will restore the voice of scientists in Canada:

- We will create a Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister headed by a Chief Science Advisor to ensure that our government always has access to the best possible scientific advice from experts in all fields.
- We will immediately move to restore the mandatory long-form census and provide the necessary funding to ensure it can be included in the 2016 census.
- We will put an end to the Conservatives' policy of muzzling scientists and ensure that Canada's leading experts are freely available to speak to the media and to publish their findings. We will implement the NDP's comprehensive plan to promote the voice of scientist's in Ottawa as laid out in M-453 to promote scientific integrity.
- We will work to re-establish scientific capacity in government departments, including Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- We will establish the Office of the Parliamentary Science Officer as per Bill C-558 to ensure that parliamentarians have the best possible access to science-based analysis.

Thank you,

***The New Democratic Party of Canada***