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# A Prime Minister on your family's side, for a change.

## A Personal Message from Jack Layton

Dear friend,

The commitments we are putting before the people of Canada in this election are about hope and opportunity for you, your family, your friends and neighbours. They are about a future where you come first.

There are many ways to measure the success of our country. All kinds of statistics. Some are more important than others. For me, the most important measure is the success of ordinary Canadians.

In short, I am proposing real change from the way things have been done in the past. Not just change from the last 25 months, but change from the last 25 years.

It all starts with action on your priorities at the kitchen table, not just the boardroom table.

We'll stop tax giveaways to corporations that don't need them, or who ship our jobs overseas.

We'll support companies that provide training to workers here. We'll invest with companies that are innovating in the new energy economy, and creating new green collar jobs for Canadians.

We'll stop the shameful rip-offs and gouging by cellphone giants, banks and credit card companies.

We'll shorten health care waiting lists by training more doctors and nurses. Five million Canadians don't have a family doctor. One million are on waiting lists.

We'll face the challenge of climate change – not with Mr. Harper's idle words or by taxing you and your family – but with tough laws that force polluters to clean up the mess they've made.

The government will do its job. We will not stand idly by and wait when tainted meat, or bad water, or any public health emergency threatens your family's health.

Instead of a Canada where growing corporate wealth benefits only a few, we will strive for social and economic equality for all. We will build a strong Canada that is as compassionate at home as it is competitive abroad. We will stand with every man and woman as they seek a better life for themselves and their children.

I invite you to join me in making it happen. On October 14, I invite you to vote New Democrat.

I invite you to cast your ballot for a government that puts you and your family first.

Don't let them tell you it can't be done.

Sincerely,

Jack Layton,

Leader, Canada's New Democrats

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Explanatory Tables (PDF)

## Making Life More Affordable for Families – Creating Jobs

- Creating Jobs and Innovation in a New Energy Economy
- Employment Standards: Fairness in the Workplace
- Corporate Taxes: Balance and Fairness
- Fiscal and Financial Stability
- Protecting Consumers, Communities and the Public
- Food Safety
- Agriculture and Food Security
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Education, Skills Training and Apprenticeships
- Employment Insurance
- Children and Child Care: Ensuring a Head Start for Kids
- Helping Families Make Ends Meet - and Ending Poverty
- Affordable Housing: "Bring Canada Home"

## Hiring More Doctors and Nurses and Renewing Health Care

- Train and Hire More Doctors and Nurses; Improve and Defend Medicare
- Home Care: Helping Families Make Ends Meet
- Pharmacare: Affordable Prescription Medicines
- Healthy Living: Promoting Good Health

## A Plan for the Environment That Will Really Work

- A Plan That Will Work
- The New Energy Economy: Cutting Pollution and Creating Jobs
- Fighting Pollution and Protecting Our Natural Heritage

## Other Key Priorities for Canadians

- Strong Communities and Safe Neighbourhoods
- Protecting Canadian Sovereignty and the North
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples
- Supporting Culture, the Arts and Our Canadian Cultural Identity
- International Trade: Fairness at Home and Abroad
- Immigration
- Canadian Federalism and Public Institutions
- Ethics and Accountability
- Defending Human Rights
- Women: Moving Forward on Equality
- People with Disabilities: Opportunities for All
- Canada: Global Leadership in Peace and Justice


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