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BC Election Day – May 9 – Make Your Vote Count

Dear Brothers /Sisters:

Your vote on May 9th will help determine the future of our province. Will BC elect a government committed to the same kind of social justice values that the ILWU and its members hold? Or;

Will BC re-elect a government that has repeatedly attacked the labour movement, unions, created a Labour Code that hurts workers and helps employers, froze disability benefits rates for those in need for nine years, rejects a decent \$15 minimum wage and affordable child care?

Every member must decide and vote for themselves but as your ILWU Canada president it's my duty to give you some information and let you know why I believe the BC New Democratic Party is the best choice for our members and for our workers.

BC NDP Leader, John Horgan is running an election campaign dedicated to fighting on behalf of working people. And John Horgan is pulling no punches in criticizing the Christy Clark BC Liberal government for its hostility towards unions and its reliance on millions of dollars from big corporations and its lack of integrity.

I am very pleased with the BC NDP commitment to fight for more affordable housing after the BC Liberals, backed by the real estate and development industry, allowed prices to skyrocket through the roof. Our members and the general public have been priced out of their communities and that's not right.

I also support John Horgan's promise to fix BC's broken health care system with, our overcrowded hospital emergency rooms and surgery wait lists. The BC Liberals had 16 years to improve health care and they've only made it worse. The BC NDP will ban corporate and union political donations, ending an unfair system that has helped the BC Liberals stay in power.

Lastly, the ILWU needs a labour-friendly government in BC to help us fight against the federal government's plan to privatize Canadian ports and allow foreign crews to operate in Canadian waters – two critical issues for our union. A BC NDP government could be instrumental in leading opposition to those regressive moves that will seriously hurt our members and the maritime labour movement.

Do we agree with the BC NDP on every issue? No. But we do agree on the most important issues and the BC NDP is on our side. They listened to our concerns and responded. The BC Liberals' do neither.

So, I urge you to take a good look at the BC NDP platform and consider the Christy Clark BC Liberals' record before you vote. The Green Party is not in a position to form government but could split the anti-Liberal vote and let Clark slip back into office.

You can find the NDP platform at: <https://www.bcndp.ca/platform>

The choice is yours – I appreciate you taking the time to read this and please be sure to vote on May 9th or in advance polls. Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

In Solidarity,



Rob Ashton
President