



This time we can vote positive for long-term care and home care

What we want

- The federal government needs to assure stable funding for long-term care and home care for our senior citizens and others.
- Home care needs \$1 billion a year and long-term care needs \$500 million a year.
- Both sectors must be non-profit and publicly delivered and managed.

How the Liberals have failed

- The Liberals have allowed privatization to flourish in both sectors.
- New and upgraded long-term care facilities are often financed by public-private partnerships.
- P3s are more expensive than public financing of infrastructure. Corporate “partners” cut corners in construction and design, and governments cut the number of beds to meet inflated contract costs.
- Continuing care is not part of the *Canada Health Act*. Each province regulates these services as they choose, and most have no or very low standards.

Why the Conservatives are worse

- While the Conservatives talk about their belief in public health care, the record shows that they actively pursue the privatization of continuing care.

What the New Democrats say

- We need a publicly regulated long-term care strategy with 40,000 new long-term care units by 2009 to take pressure off the health care system.
- The NDP will implement the home care transfer called for in the Romanow Report. Roy Romanow found that Canadians want priority placed on home care.