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To All IBEW First District Local Unions

Greetings:

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and their affiliates have been leading a campaign to bring a national universal pharmacare program to Canada. The IBEW and our members have signed on to join this campaign that will benefit all Canadians.

The Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare was announced in Budget 2018. The Advisory Council is leading a national dialogue on how to implement affordable national pharmacare for Canadians and their families, employers and governments and they are about to report back to the government.

Large pharmaceutical companies and insurance industries are spending enormous sums of money to lobby for a "fill-in-the-gaps" model. Let's make sure that we challenge their self-serving efforts and tell the government we need to do what is best for Canadians, not the insurance industry.

You can write to the Chair of the Advisory Council, Dr. Eric Hoskins, right now. Tell him that half-measures and band-aid solutions won't work.

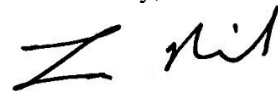
Send your message by clicking here: http://www.aplanforeveryone.ca/email_dr_hoskins

We can't underestimate the power of every message we send at this crucial moment. The Council is working on its interim report as I write this.

Let's make sure the report reflects what we want and what we need.

For more information on the CLC campaign, please visit: – www.aplanforeveryone.ca

In solidarity,



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