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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
OTTAWA ON K1A 0A6

The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.
Leader of the Official Opposition
House of Commons
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Jagmeet Singh, M.P.
Leader of the New Democratic Party
House of Commons
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Mr. Poilievre, and Mr. Singh:

I write to you today regarding the urgent federal priorities of Saskatchewan people.

With the collapse of the supply-and-confidence agreement between the Liberal government and New Democratic Party, Canadians could be faced with a federal election at any time. As the leader of a political party in this province, it's my job to stand up for the interests of Saskatchewan people.

Scott Moe's Sask. Party government has failed to address the challenges facing people in my province, and many of the policies implemented by the federal government over many years have failed to be responsive to the needs of people in Saskatchewan. I have outlined a federal agenda that is focused on the needs of Saskatchewan people and I am seeking your commitment to delivering on every item:

- The federal carbon tax needs to be scrapped.
- Federal funding to the provinces for healthcare needs to be increased so that provinces can reduce waits and increase access to healthcare services. Dental, contraceptive, and insulin coverage should be maintained and expanded.
- Equalization needs to be reformed to remove natural resources from the formula and recognize the unique needs of provinces offering services with dispersed rural populations.
- Tariffs on Chinese steel should be maintained to protect jobs at Evraz in Regina, and every possible effort must be made to ensure market access for canola exports to China.

- Childcare spaces promised by the federal and provincial governments need to be delivered on and opened.
- The unrealistic 2035 timeline for reaching a net-zero electricity grid should be pushed back and the federal government needs to be a full partner in funding the future of power generation in Saskatchewan.
- More RCMP officers should be hired urgently to serve Saskatchewan communities and Depot Division in Regina should remain open with no job losses.
- The federal government needs to honour its obligations to First Nations and Métis people and ensure services for Saskatchewan people living on-reserve are equitably funded.
- Federal funding for broadband and connectivity has been unfair to Saskatchewan and more federal dollars should be made available to improve broadband and cell phone coverage in rural and remote areas.

If elected to serve as the Premier of Saskatchewan this fall, my approach will be this: No matter who sits in the Prime Minister's Office, I will always stand up for Saskatchewan people. Where we can find common ground, I will work to make the best possible deal. Where the federal government is implementing policies or making cuts that hurt Saskatchewan, I will always stand up and speak out to protect the interests of this province.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues for Saskatchewan people. I look forward to your responses.

Sincerely,



Carla Beck
Leader of the Saskatchewan NDP