Sample Questions and Tips for Talking to Candidates

As we approach election day, candidates and their volunteers will start making phone calls and knocking on doors. Having these conversations are a valuable opportunity to have the undivided attention of a future Member of Provincial Parliament. Candidates often place a lot of value on what they hear at the door or over the phone, so what you say matters to them. If multiple candidates mention hearing the same thing from local voters, what you say may get passed onto senior party staff and likely become a priority. By having these conversations with candidates, we can all do our part to advance our collective message.

Having a few short, simple questions ready can let candidates know that support for caregivers is an important issue in your community and among their future constituents.

The following are some questions to consider when talking to a candidate or volunteer:

- What will you and your party do to support caregivers?
- Will you commit to including caregivers in the policy decisions that affect them?
- How will your party help to address financial distress among caregivers?
- How does your party plan to expand care options for caregivers at home and in the community?

Other tips to keep in mind when talking to your candidates:

- If you get a knock on the door from a volunteer, you can always ask to speak with the candidate as they will likely be just down the street.
- If you get a phone call from a volunteer, you can ask if the candidate can call you back. Mention you would like to know more about their commitment to supporting caregivers.
- If you haven't heard from any of your candidates yet, you can always call their campaign office. If it is a candidate who you already plan to vote for, mention this over the phone but want to talk to the candidate first about their support for caregivers. The candidate will likely call you back within a few days.