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Political action report

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Would like to wish everybody happy new years hopefully it will be a positive year for everyone!

The Alberta election is just around the corner, By law the government has to call an election between March 1st and May 31st the general consensus is the writ will drop in mid April, the campaigning for this election has begun in earnest for the two main political parties, The attack ads have not been too extreme yet but more than likely they will increase as the election comes closer,

The NDP has been campaigning on keeping Alberta working and the positives that they have done, raising minimum wage, investing in green energy, making life better for working class Albertans,

The big issue with many Albertans is the carbon tax that The UCP has promised to repeal if elected but here are some facts. In the approx. 2 years since the tax has gone in the economic impact has been minimal, RBC economists taking into account that two years worth of data is just scratching the surface and 4-6 years are required to get proper statistics has determined that so far the carbon levy is working. Opponents stated that when it came in gas would be 1:20-1:30 a litre up until this week it was averaging 86-89 cents a litre in Calgary

The Alberta government has committed 1.5 billion for the green line in Calgary and 1 billion to the valley line in Edmonton both paid for by the carbon levy, There has been questions raised by both the Mayors of Calgary and Edmonton that if the UCP get in and they scrap the tax where would the money come from to pay for the two transit lines? The UCP has said they are committed to the deal but refused to answer where the money would come from? Alberta still has the lowest personal and corporate taxes in the country the fastest growing GDP in Canada, more people are moving to Alberta to work than any other province, the highest wages per capita than any other province,

The UCP is campaigning on "bring back the Alberta advantage" which entails repeal all the Laws that the NDP have brought in, Cut services, Massive Layoffs, Huge tax breaks for the wealthiest Albertans and Corporations! The UCP has already declared that the cuts "are going to hurt" and most disturbing is the statement from Kenney saying, "Consulting with Albertans would just slow down what I need to do"

As anyone who has lived in Alberta for any extended period of time knows the UCP/PC plan of action is the same as it has been for 44 years! To cut and fire. Jason Kenney is also under investigation by elections Alberta for allegedly contributing \$40,000 dollars to UCP candidate Jeff Calloways campaign to help discredit former Wildrose leader Brian Jeans campaign to become UCP leader in what has been called a "kamikaze mission" to get Mr. Kenney elected as UCP leader,



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He is also under investigation for claiming housing in Calgary when he was an MP in Ottawa claiming he lived in his mothers basement, at the time he “allegedly” lived in his mothers basement she was a resident of a retirement home in Calgary which records show has no basement and according to the owners of the retirement home “children are not allowed to live with their parents” he claimed over ten thousand dollars in “housing allowances” a criminal investigation has been launched,

The big story in Ontario is GM shutting down the Oshawa plant leaving approx. 2500 people unemployed.

Unifor president Jerry Dias has been on a campaign to keep GM in Ontario. He has been holding protests, numerous news conferences, speaking with politicians from the Prime Minister to the Premier of Ontario; He is currently calling for a boycott of GM products coming in from Mexico.

The Boycott of GM products is getting some backlash from other Unifor auto industry workers with the assumption that the boycott could jeopardize their jobs, Other Unifor members have brought up concerns that National is more concerned about what happens in Eastern Canada than the rest of Canada!

The election is coming up and I offer a challenge to everyone here? Find two people who don't plan to vote or do not want to vote and get them to go with you and cast a ballot.

This is an extremely important election and the only way we can get a government in that will support Albertans and truly move this province further is to get involved, volunteer to drive seniors to the poll booths on Election Day, talk to people and convince them that they NEED to vote,

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