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Dear Jeff Campbell:

Thank you for submitting your questions to the Saskatchewan NDP. I am pleased to respond on behalf of our party.

1. Does your party have a plan regarding moving forward to prepare the necessary amendments and regulations and to legislate important amendments, such as a Tribunal to handle disputes, to the Condominium Act?

Saskatchewan New Democrats are open to exploring ways to improve the legislative and regulatory framework that governs condominiums, but we have no specific plans to bring forward changes of this nature at this time.

2. Does your party have a plan to assist condominiums to migrate to green energy? If so, what incentive(s) would your party offer to condominiums to facilitate the move to green energy? Is your party prepared to have the government pay for a portion of installation costs, or offer other financial incentives? Would incentives offered to homeowners (in the more traditional sense of houses/townhouses) be extended wherever possible to condominium owners?

Saskatchewan New Democrats are committed to action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our province. Our election platform includes a commitment to invest dollars through climate initiatives into rapidly building out renewable power, energy efficiency retrofits, and lower energy costs for families. We would work with stakeholders – like the Canadian Condominium Institute – to ensure condominium owners are able to benefit from these investments.

3. In light of the structural collapse of the condominium in Surfside, and the Elliot Lake Mall collapse, and the number of aging condominiums, would your government implement any form of mandatory structural inspections of high-risk buildings?

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4. What efforts will you or your party make to balance protecting the interests of the future condominium corporations while also seeking to provide affordable housing? What is your party prepared to do to encourage condominium ownership? Is your party prepared to offer incentives to buyers of new and/or resale condominium properties?

Saskatchewan New Democrats are committed to making our province a place where life is affordable and where builders choose to invest. We have no specific plans for new incentives specific to condominiums, but have



committed to freeze taxes for four years to provide stability and certainty for people and businesses looking to invest in Saskatchewan.

5. What would you be doing to limit the complexity of condominiums to something that can reasonably be overseen by a volunteer board?

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6. What would your party propose to assist condominium owners in having access to reasonably priced property insurance with reasonable deductibles?

Scott Moe and the Sask. Party have increased costs for people by raising taxes multiple times, including by adding PST to insurance premiums. The Saskatchewan NDP is open to exploring ways to make the cost of insurance more affordable for condominium owners in this province.

7. Would your government take steps through the Ministry of Labour to encourage growth in the condominium management industry by encouraging students to see management as a career path, and if so what would those steps include?

Saskatchewan New Democrats know that people in Saskatchewan need more opportunities for good jobs that pay the bills. We don't have specific plans for changes to the Ministry of Labour regarding condominium management, but would be open to exploring how to encourage more people to pursue a career in this field through collaboration with stakeholders like the Canadian Condominium Institute.

8. Would your government take steps through the Ministry of Labour to encourage growth in the condominium housing community by eliminating the division between single family homes and multi-residential homes in regard to services provided, such as waste management, and the unequal costs and if so what would those steps include?

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Sincerely,

Mitch Bonokoski Director of Research and Policy