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Stakeholder Support for The FACES of Canada's Seniors

“As the national and global professional voice of Canadian nursing, representing over 139,000 registered nurses and nurse practitioners across Canada, the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) supports the impressive recommendations outlined in CARP’s new policy platform for the 2019 federal election titled *The Faces of Canada’s Seniors: Making Canada the Best Place to Age*.

We particularly endorse CARP’s sound recommendations on abuse prevention, caregiving and housing supports, health-care and social inclusion. If implemented, CARP’s recommendations, in each of these policy areas, will lead to better outcomes and quality of life for seniors and their caregivers.

CNA encourages federal political parties to support CARP’s broad agenda to strengthen aging in Canada.”

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“Alzheimer Society of Toronto welcomes CARP’s National Seniors Platform, *The FACES of Canada’s Seniors*. We commend their vision of a fully funded national dementia strategy. We also applaud the call to ease the burden on caregivers, transform long-term care and invest in programs that foster social inclusion and diversity.”

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"FAIR Canada is pleased to partner with CARP to uphold the rights and improve protections for investors. Advice being required to be provided in the client's best interest is something that we strongly believe Canadians rightly expect and deserve to receive. Elder abuse and financial exploitation are problems that too many seniors face. National, collaborative, coordinated efforts can make a real difference to people's wellbeing. The recommendations in *The FACES of Canada's Seniors*, if implemented, would be a marked improvement for many seniors across Canada."

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"CARP's Seniors' platform focusses on health, housing, caregiving and financial issues that really matter to millions of older Canadians. Each recommendation is a serious call for government action that will positively and directly impact the lives of current and future generations of seniors, their families, and society. The International Federation on Ageing commends CARP on putting words into action with and on behalf of senior Canadians."

Jane Barratt, PhD.

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"We are pleased to see that CARP has taken a strong stand on issues which we know are of importance to Canadian consumers and are committed to continue to work together to protect consumers from unfair sales practices and sub-optimal banking and investment products."

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“The Canadian Deprescribing Network is proud to partner with organizations like CARP to bring information about medication safety to seniors across Canada. Empowering seniors with information can reduce medication harms by helping stimulate conversations with their health providers. These conversations may result in the deprescribing of medications that may be unnecessary or even harmful.”

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“We can look to both the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights to understand that healthcare is a human right. Palliative care and medical assistance in dying are both human rights. DWDC is very pleased to see that CARP has addressed equitable access to these basic and essential healthcare rights in their FACES platform.”

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“The Ontario Caregiver Coalition (OCC) is pleased to see the advocacy positions that have been adopted by CARP on behalf of caregivers. We strongly endorse the policy document *The Faces of Canada’s Seniors: Making Canada the Best Place to Age*. In particular, we note that the call for more equitable financial support and improved respite programs for caregivers are aligned with OCC’s advocacy priorities which have been developed in response to broad input from caregivers in Ontario.”

Cheryl Perera

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“Research consistently shows that the best geriatric care is delivered in multi-disciplinary teams, but actual practice does not always occur in that way. NICE Network applauds CARP for the breadth of these recommendations, and in particular the inclusion of multi-disciplinary teams as a key part of improving healthcare.”

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“The Faces of Canada's Seniors: Making Canada the Best Place to Age is a very important document that was prepared by CARP. Canada's population is aging rapidly and, along with this, there will be a dramatic increase in the number of people with health problems that become more frequent in older age groups. The quality of care that many Canadians with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias receive is often subpar. Canada needs a national dementia strategy that incorporates investment in research, treatment/assessment guideline development and services, knowledge mobilization as well as plans for policy changes to ensure that the highest standards of care are available to all Canadians.”

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“I applaud CARP for this comprehensive platform. The implementation of these recommendations would make a clear difference in the lives of Canada's seniors.”

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“I am very pleased to see CARP’s recommendations for universal pharmacare and for strategies to reduce over-prescribing. Those initiatives go hand in hand because access to appropriately prescribed medicines is essential to a healthy future for all Canadians.”

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“I applaud CARP's new seniors’ platform based on critical issues for seniors' supports, services and programs.”

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