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**To: Ms. Acheson and the Yukon Federation of Labour**

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to speak to our platform and our plans for forming the next government. We have held extensive consultations with experts, organizations, and people on the front lines to understand the best ways to strengthen health care, improve equity, and support communities.

**Housing and Affordability:** We have been working closely with contractors, builders, First Nations development corporations, and housing advocacy groups to understand the barriers and pressures that exist. Our platform addresses housing needs on multiple levels, from affordable to supportive to private market to rentals. We have developed a financing plan to help first time home buyers get into the market, using the successful BC model that offers 40% financing on the purchase price of units. We are also working with builders to get homes built faster by fixing the delays in lot developments and creating a Yukon Building Code; and we commit to making the rental market fairer for both renters and landlords by keeping rents tied to inflation and by creating a Tenant-Landlord Relations Board. We will also build 100 new Yukon Housing units, focusing on building in communities.

**Environmental Accountability:** The Yukon NDP has repeatedly backed calls by Yukon First Nations and environmental organizations to have a public inquiry into the Eagle Gold mine disaster. We believe that this is the only way to move forward on reforming the mining industry to be sustainable and for government processes to be accountable and transparent. We know that both Yukoners and industry want stability and sustainability in the industry, and it is the government's job to ensure that. We have several specific initiatives for this, including developing new Minerals Legislation that actually works for Yukoners, a new Miner's Lien Act that will protect Yukon businesses, and completing long-overdue land use planning.



**Healthcare and Community Access:** The Yukon NDP plan is based on listening- to healthcare providers, to First Nation governments, to patients and to organizations that represent them. When we promise to bring more healthcare workers to communities and to keep more of them there, we are basing our plan on what they have asked us for- more support, more engagement, and responsiveness to community needs. Our Community Nurse Support program will cover relocation costs and provide housing, social, and cultural support to help nurses build strong roots in their communities. We will attract ten new nurse practitioners to the territory to work across the Yukon, expanding the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners and ensuring they receive fair and competitive pay. We will give nurses and nurse practitioners the support and respect they deserve by listening to the solutions they have been bringing forward for years. We will get thousands of Yukoners off the waitlist with more doctors and primary care providers using the Williams Lake model to recruit and retain healthcare workers in the territory. With these actions and more, the Yukon NDP will bring more nurses to communities and keep community health centres open.

**Healthcare Workforce Wellbeing:** Retaining worker pensions and employment stability during the transition to the new health authority are non-negotiables. The Yukon NDP has always stood with workers and we led the call for the Liberal government to better engage with unions during the creation of the health authority. We listened to unions and workers, we intend to keep doing so, and that is how we start improving morale and workplace culture. We have been listening to healthcare workers, who for years have called for systemic changes to the workplace to feel safe, valued, and supported. We will follow their calls to prioritize their health, safety, and well-being.

**Wildland Firefighter Protections:** For years, the Yukon NDP has publicly called for presumptive cancer coverage and occupational protections for wildland firefighters. In government, we will commit to instituting these protections. Wildland firefighters, who often risk their lives and face incredibly demanding conditions, deserve our respect and support- and they certainly deserve the basic occupational protections of up-to-date gear, full health coverage, and public recognition of their service to the Yukon. We will increase the number of wildland fire



crews by 25%, upgrade wildland fire bases, and provide comprehensive presumptive cancer coverage.

**Worker Safety and Compensation Reform:** We will work with all stakeholders to make sure that injured workers in the Yukon are supported and protected. That means assessing how transparency, accountability, and integrity are working in the Yukon, and where they need to be improved. We will specifically assess the identified areas, including the claim approval process, accountability mechanisms, and worker-centred outcomes. Collaborating with unions, workers, and businesses coming together is the best way to introduce reforms that truly work for Yukoners.

**Protection for Immigrant Workers:** The Yukon NDP has long been a fiercely committed supporter of worker's rights. That support extends to everyone working here, whether they are new to Canada or whether their families have been here since time immemorial. This includes focusing on safeguards for the rights of immigrant workers here in the Yukon, enforcement of protective rules and regulations for migrant workers to prevent exploitative practices, and working to support pathways to permanent residency. We commit to continually working with organizations like the Yukon Federation of Labour to strengthen protections for all workers, to work for greater transparency and accountability, and to ensure that everyone is safe and everyone goes home at the end of the day.

Thank you again,

**Kate White, Leader of the Yukon NDP**