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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join with all Canadians in recognizing National Caregiver Day, a day when we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the millions of caregivers who care for others in communities across Canada.

Allow me to pay tribute to the dedication and compassion of these individuals — family members, friends, and neighbours — who provide personal care, and physical and emotion support to those who need it most. We cherish the vital role caregivers played throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, generously helping the sick and the elderly with daily essentials and keeping the most vulnerable people in our communities safe.

New Democrats appreciate that caregivers must make sacrifices in their daily lives while doing unpaid but necessary caregiving work. We're committed to building a robust system of social and economic supports for people in need of care and those who provide care. Our recent work on expanding public health care includes meaningful investments in aging at home, long-term care, dental care, and pharmacare — programs and services that will greatly benefit seniors, people living with disabilities, and low-income families.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Canadian Home Care Association for their advocacy work on behalf of caregivers involved in home and community-based care. You are an important voice for informal caregivers and their diverse stories, building awareness on caregiving experiences and connecting with employers on the importance of providing a supportive workplace for employee caregivers. I wish you continued success.

On National Caregiver Day, let us give thanks to all caregivers and remain mindful of their continuing contributions to the well-being of care recipients and our communities.

Warmest regards,

Jagmeet Singh, MP (Burnaby South) Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada