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Ukrainian Canadian Congress Questionnaire for Candidates for Member of Parliament

Dear Candidate:

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is surveying all candidates in the 2019 Federal Election regarding the following issues of importance to the Ukrainian Canadian community.

Thank you for helping us to inform Canadians about your position on the issues which are very important to the Ukrainian Canadian community. Attached to this survey please find the UCC National 2019 Policy Guide.

We will be publishing the results of this questionnaire in the media and on the UCC website. **We kindly request that you respond to the following questions by October 4, 2019 via email to 2019election@ucc.ca**

Should you elect not to respond, we will record this as an expression of "No Interest."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Candidate Information:

Name of Candidate: _____ Jessica Buresi _____

Constituency: _____ Calgary Center _____

Political Party: _____ New Democratic Party of Canada _____

1. Strengthening Canada-Ukraine Security Relations

a) Do you condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts?

Yes I condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.
The NDP believes in a sovereign country's right to the protection of its border and recognizes Ukraine as a sovereign country.

b) Do you support Canada providing Ukraine with defensive weapons, increased security cooperation between Canada and Ukraine, and increased Canadian sanctions on Russia in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

I support Canada's defense of countries who are being illegally invaded. Though I am not personally fond of the international weapon's trade and industry, I am committed to doing whatever possible and necessary to defend and support an illegally invaded country.

2. Supporting Democratic and Economic Reform in Ukraine

a) Do you support increased Canadian international assistance for Ukraine, including increased humanitarian assistance and increased support for consolidating Ukraine's democratic institutions?

Yes I absolutely support increased Canadian humanitarian assistance to the Ukraine. As a Canadian with Ukrainian roots on my mother's side I support the development of democracy in any country.

3. Ensuring Security and Dignity for Seniors

a) Do you support increased investment to ensure affordable care for seniors and increased cooperation with ethno-cultural organizations and institutions who provide care to seniors?

The NDP is committed to supporting the health and wellness of seniors, and works with seniors organizations across the country.

4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

a) Do you support increasing assistance and cooperation with ethno-cultural, community-based settlement services for newcomers?

Yes absolutely.

b) Do you support visa-free travel to Ukrainian citizens visiting Canada?

Yes absolutely

5. Helping our Culture Flourish

Historical recognition –

a) Do you support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatar People (Sürgünlik) by the Soviet regime in 1944 as an act of Genocide? Do you support establishing May 18 as the annual Day of Remembrance of the Genocide of the Crimean Tatar People?

I support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatars as an act of Genocide. I am hesitant about creating yet another Day of Remembrance which I feel only pays lip service to the community in question. I prefer to ensure that the history of this particular act be incorporated into the public education curriculum in order that people are aware of these atrocities.

b) Do you support the establishment of October 28 as the annual Day of Commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations?

I would be more in favour of this Day being created rather than that of the Tatars, only because this event took place in Canada, and was the first internment of a cultural community in Canada. However I still prefer that we learn about it in our schools and history books.

c) Do you support increasing funding to multicultural programming in Canada?

Yes absolutely. Multiculturalism is a fundamental Canadian value.

d) Do you support increasing government assistance to heritage language programming in Canada?

I believe that if there is a cultural community large enough in a certain area to lobby and help fund a heritage language school, that the government could match the funds or at least provide assistance. The Calgary Board of Education has Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish and French bilingual schools. In Edmonton, there are Ukrainian bilingual schools.

6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

a) Do you support increased measures to eliminate online hate and disinformation campaigns from social media?

Yes absolutely. This is a growing concern in schools and in all institutions.