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Mr. Brian Mason
Leader, Alberta NDP
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Edmonton, AB
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RE: Costing details of Alberta NDP election platform

Dear Mr. Mason,

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) is a non-partisan, non-profit, citizen-organization whose mission is to promote lower taxes, less waste and greater accountability at every level of government.

During this provincial election the CTF has been tracking the various spending promises made by each of the four main parties, and have posted each list on our website.

I've enclosed a copy of the list for the Alberta NDP. To date, we've noted 13 such promises made by your party that we believe will require new spending to fulfil. We're also pleased to note that we were able to find most of these commitments fully or globally costed by your party. However, there are two such promises that remain publicly un-costed.

We would request your party please provide the costs, both one-time and on-going, for each spending commitment you have made during this election, prior to the March 3rd vote.

We strongly believe taxpayers and voters have the right to know both the individual and broad fiscal implications of your spending promises.

Further, in lieu of Alberta already having the highest per capita program and capital spending in Canada, we will be interested in knowing how your program spending commitments would impact Budget 2008.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Hennig". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Scott Hennig
Alberta Director
Canadian Taxpayers Federation