

April 22, 2025

Dear James Janeiro,

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to speak to the Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence and to share the Green Party of Canada's platform. We appreciate your continued advocacy.

Please find our response below.

Best regards,

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1. Will you convert the existing non-refundable Canada Caregiver Credit into a refundable tax credit with a minimum value of \$1250 per year?

Yes, the Green Party supports making the Caregiver Tax Credit refundable. This aligns with our goal to make caregiving more affordable and equitable for low-income families. However, we have not committed to a specific minimum value of \$1,250 per year.

2. Will you commit to exempting current and future provincial caregiving benefits from federal income tax?

There is currently no specific policy committing to exempting these benefits from federal income tax. That said, our broader tax reform agenda aims to reduce the tax burden for low- and middle-income Canadians, which includes caregivers. Specifically, we support eliminating taxes for those earning under \$40,000 and believe public support programs should not be clawed back through federal taxation. We also don't support punitive clawbacks of provincial benefits when federal benefits are received.

3. Will you commit to developing a National Caregiving Strategy?

Yes, the Green Party would commit to developing a National Caregiving Strategy. Caregivers are the backbone of our health and social systems, and we believe it's time the federal government stepped

up with a coordinated national response. Our platform already includes several caregiver-supporting measures:

- A refundable Caregiver Tax Credit
- Increasing funding for home and community care services
- Leave options for elder care and miscarriage recovery
- A Seniors' Care Transfer fund long-term care, home care, and community-based supports
- Guaranteed Livable Income, which supports caregivers financially

Together, these measures reflect our commitment to better support caregivers nationwide.