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## **Letters to the Federal Party Leaders**

Conservative Party of Canada – Andrew Scheer

Green Party of Canada – Elizabeth May

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Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Andrew Scheer  
MP, Regina—Qu'Appelle  
Leader, Conservative Party of Canada  
1720 – 130 Albert Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4

Dear Mr. Scheer,

On behalf of Research Canada: *An Alliance for Health Discovery*, we would like to thank you for your commitment to protecting health care and improving the health and wellbeing of Canadians in the long term. We are also pleased to have had Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP for Sarnia—Lambton and Health Critic for the Official Opposition as Vice-Chair on the Parliamentary Health Research Caucus since 2017. Ms. Gladu has been instrumental in identifying critical areas of research and innovation affecting the health of Canadians across the country.

As a national, multi-stakeholder alliance, we know that Canada cannot put in place effective policies to improve the health and wellbeing of Canadians and address public health crises like the opioid crisis without strong health research, so we were heartened to see the commitments made to Canadian science and innovation by the Green Party of Canada. We look forward to having further discussions with you and your colleagues in the Conservative Party and we thank you for your leadership and that of Ms. Gladu regarding the role of health research and health innovation in improving Canadians' health and wellbeing.

Eighty-six percent of Canadians who responded to our recent [CanadaSpeaks! 2019 National Poll](#) told us that they are more likely to vote for a Candidate who supports health and medical research. We invite you and your Conservative Party colleagues to complete our [Your Candidates, Your Health 2019 Candidate Survey](#) and let your potential future constituents know that you are committed to supporting Canadian health research and health innovation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert McMaster  
Chair

Dr. Ryan Wiley  
Policy Advisor and Chair,  
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Elizabeth May  
MP, Saanich-Gulf Islands  
Leader, Green Party of Canada  
812-116 Albert Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G3

Dear Ms. May,

On behalf of Research Canada: *An Alliance for Health Discovery*, we would like to thank you for your dedication to Canadian research and innovation, and more specifically, the commitment in your 2019 party platform to implement the full funding recommendations from Canada's Fundamental Science Review as well as to enhance investments in Canada's three granting councils.

As a national, multi-stakeholder alliance, we know that Canada cannot address ongoing and future public health crises like climate change and the opioid crisis without strong health research and health innovation, so we are heartened to see the Green Party of Canada calling attention to the pressing need of increased investments in our research enterprise and innovation ecosystem.

Eighty-six percent of Canadians who responded to our recent [CanadaSpeaks! 2019 National Poll](#) told us that they are more likely to vote for a Candidate who supports health and medical research. We invite you and your Green Party colleagues to complete our [Your Candidates, Your Health 2019 Candidate Survey](#) and thank you, once again, for your leadership in health research and health innovation.

Sincerely,

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Leader, Liberal Party of Canada  
350 Albert Street, Suite 920  
Ottawa, ON K1P 6M8

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On behalf of Research Canada: *An Alliance for Health Discovery*, we would like to applaud the Liberal government for all of the significant strides you have made over the past four years towards restoring and advancing Canada's health research enterprise. We have been heartened to see that you value the research community as essential to the health, wellbeing and economic future of all Canadians.

As a national, multi-stakeholder alliance, we know that Canada cannot put in place effective policies to improve the health and wellbeing of Canadians and address public health crises like the opioid crisis without strong health research and health innovation, so we were also heartened to see the commitments made to Canadian science and innovation by the Green Party of Canada in its 2019 election platform. We look forward to having further discussions with you and your colleagues to find out how the Liberal Party will capitalize on the efforts you have made throughout your leadership to advance Canadian research and innovation and improve the health of Canadians.

Eighty-six percent of Canadians who responded to our recent [CanadaSpeaks! 2019 National Poll](#) told us that they are more likely to vote for a Candidate who supports health and medical research. We invite you and your Liberal Party colleagues to complete our [Your Candidates, Your Health 2019 Candidate Survey](#) and let your potential future constituents know that you are committed to supporting Canadian health research and health innovation.

Sincerely,

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Jagmeet Singh  
MP, Burnaby South  
Leader, New Democratic Party  
300 – 279 Laurier West  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5J9

Dear Mr. Singh,

On behalf of Research Canada: *An Alliance for Health Discovery*, we would like to thank you for your commitment to improving health for all Canadians. As a national, multi-stakeholder alliance, we know that Canada cannot put in place effective policies to address public health crises like the opioid crisis without strong health research, so we were heartened to see the commitments made to Canadian science and innovation by the Green Party of Canada. We look forward to having further discussion with you and your NDP colleagues regarding the role of research in fulfilling your commitments to improving Canadians' health.

Eighty-six percent of Canadians who responded to our recent [CanadaSpeaks! 2019 National Poll](#) told us that they are more likely to vote for a Candidate who supports health and medical research. We invite you and your NDP colleagues to complete our [Your Candidates, Your Health 2019 Candidate Survey](#) and let your potential future constituents know that you are committed to supporting Canadian health research and health innovation.

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