

**Member Policy Information Meeting**  
**Oakville North Burlington EDA**  
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**AGENDA**

**Monday, November 27, 2017**  
**Halton Regional Building**  
**1151 Bronte Road, Oakville**  
**7:00 – 9:30 pm**

1. Registration – 7:00 pm
2. Welcome – 7:30 pm
3. Greetings from National Council Policy Committee – Ontario – Nicole Le Maguer
4. Presentation and Voting on Policy Submissions – 7:45 pm
5. Break – 8:30 pm
6. Continued Voting on Policy Submissions
7. Any Other Business
8. Meeting Adjourns

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**Subject:** Policy Process Update

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Dear Sean

Thank you to EDAs where the President and Policy Chair are busy engaging their members in the grassroots process. Thank you for keeping us informed of any changes to your contact information. This letter will explain the new policy process.

If you haven't already done so,

- Your EDA forms a local policy committee of at least three people and appoints a policy chair; a committee can review the policy handbook revised 2016 (See [www.conservative.ca](http://www.conservative.ca))
- The Board or policy committee can choose a Policy Chair who will be the designate for write access. The Policy Chair should be an active board member.

Next, a policy chair can:

- Organize a local policy meeting for conservative member participation of the Electoral District Association. An EDA can submit up to 9 or 10 proposals to the IL (Ideas Lab), but even 2 or 3 is fine. Preferably, submit proposals to the IL after a Regional Meeting (RM). (Tip: an EDA could choose another high-ranking proposal out of a RM)
- A policy chair leads the EDA to organize and help at a RM
- When the IL opens January 1- May 1, 2018, the Policy Chair can be the designate for Write Access to submit policy proposals on behalf of the EDA. Between May 15 - June 25, 2018, the Policy Chair can represent the EDA to vote for up to 25 proposals and deletions on the IL, but even voting for 9 or 10 is fine.

- Once a policy chair is named and supported by the board as the designate, the president sends an email:

To: itsupport@conservative.ca

Subject: Designate for Write Access on the Ideas Lab (IL).

Cc: Ontario National Policy Committee (see addresses below)

Please change my IL access, including write access, to the designated person for (EDA):

(Name), Policy Chair, (EDA)

(email address of Policy Chair)

I will continue with Read Access on the IL. Thank you.

(Name), president (EDA)

A policy proposal must be less than 50 words with a rationale of less than 100 words. There will be no written forms with policy proposals sent to the National Policy Committee. Proposals will be submitted directly to the IL online. A submission to the IL will show the EDA, not the individual who is posting. The # 1 top ranking policy proposal from each regional meeting will automatically go forward to the convention. Policies with the most votes from EDAs on the IL will go forward to the convention. Anyone from all around the world can see what is on the IL and how an EDA votes, but they do not have access to comment on the IL.

Please keep us informed of specific dates of RMs that involve your EDA. We would like to attend or have one NPC member in attendance. We are also interested in local policy meetings and AGMs.

Sincerely yours,

Ontario National Policy Committee

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**NOTE: THIS SUBMISSION DOES NOT PROPOSE ANY CHANGES BUT SUPPORTS THE EXISTING POLICY.**

**DISCUSSION DRAFT – THIS POLICY REVISION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND DOES NOT REPRESENT AN APPROVED POLICY OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OR OF ANY ELECTORAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

Section C: Democratic Reform, Article 10: Electoral Reform [New, Modification, Edit or Deletion]

**Insert existing actual wording from current Policy Declaration or Constitution**

The Conservative Party believes the discussion of possible changes to the electoral system is valuable in a healthy democracy.

In reviewing options for electoral reform, we believe the government should not endorse any new electoral system that will weaken the link between Members of Parliament and their constituents, that will create unmanageably large ridings, or that will strengthen the control of the party machinery over individual Members of Parliament.

A national referendum must be held prior to implementing any future electoral reform proposal.

There should be no additional public funding of federal political parties beyond that presently contained in the Elections Canada Act.

**Amendments [insert addition, deletion, modification or new language, etc. You will see that edits are to have a strikethrough whereas new text to be added is to be underlined].**

None proposed

**Rationale**

Our discussion group was in general agreement with this proposal. We support the concept that Members of Parliament should have more independence to vote their conscience or the will of their constituents.

One member of our discussion group was open to considering variations on the current single member district plurality system (i.e. “first past the post”). However, the general consensus of the group was that the current system has served the country and Canadians well and should continue. Additional focus may be required to address how to engage Canadians between elections, and leveraging new technologies to provide additional input and feedback on public policies.

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Section E: Fiscal, Article 20: Tax Code Simplification (New)

The Conservative Party supports a simplified and understandable Income Tax Act.

An upper ceiling on personal income tax rates needs to be established that will never exceed 50% (on a combined basis with provincial rates).

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Section E: Fiscal, Article 22: Supporting Families (New)

The Conservative Party recognizes the need to support families and children. We believe that Canada's decreasing birthrate needs to be addressed by reducing the barriers facing those wishing to start and grow their families, thus ensuring the well-being and long-term sustainability of our communities.

We support tax fairness for families by eliminating inequities between single and dual income families and introducing a deduction for dependent children.

We support the elimination of all tax disadvantages to families including those who care for children at home. This recognizes the economic value of stay at home parents, and supports the introduction of tax fairness measures such as income splitting for couples with children.

We also recognize that many of our seniors lived on single family incomes as one parent stayed home and cared for their children. Our seniors deserve tax fairness to eliminate the discrepancy between single and dual family income in retirement.

We recognize the value of the home caregiver and supports tax relief for families who provide homecare.

Bring back family tax credits removed by Liberal party and increase tax credits beyond what currently exists.

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Section E: Fiscal, Article 23: Spending Controls (New)

The Conservative Party believes the government should strengthen enforcement and criminal code penalties for fraud involving the misuse of tax dollars.

We believe the government should introduce a system of program evaluation to ensure that all major government spending programs are independently evaluated on a regular basis. This will ensure that programs are meeting government priorities and delivering value for money.

We believe in an effective and efficient penal system. We need to implement cost controls and income earning opportunities for individual inmates and for prison institutions to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. This will also provide job-ready skills, training and work experience for the inmates upon release.

The Conservative Party believes that the size of the Federal Civil Service must be reduced.

The collection of all outstanding taxes must be enforced.

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Section E: Pensions, Article 26: Pensions (New)

The Conservative Party believes that company pension funds should be invested by independent trustees for the benefit of employees and should be held at arm's length, not accessible by the company or its creditors.

The Conservative Party is committed to bring public sector pensions in-line with Canadian norms by switching to a defined contribution pension model, which includes employer contributions comparable to the private sector.

If pension funds are unfunded, that unfunding or underfunding should not be allowed to continue.

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Section G: Trade, Article 42: International Trade (Modification)

**Insert existing actual wording from current Policy Declaration or Constitution  
Underline proposed additions**

**42. International Trade**

The Conservative Party of Canada strongly supports international trade initiatives that will generate increased economic activity, jobs, and a greater understanding and collaborative relationship between emerging economies and our democratic, streamlined regulatory, free enterprise approach to governance.

The Conservative Party believes that the government is responsible for taking the lead in working with its provincial partners to eliminate inter-provincial trade barriers in transportation, commerce, labour, and capital mobility.

We support bringing more security to existing trade related jobs. To create new employment opportunities, our trade agenda will focus on diversifying both the products we sell abroad and the markets into which we sell those products. We emphasize the importance of secure access to international markets through a rules-based trading system. We believe that Canada should strive to maximize the benefits we have as a free trading nation, and emphasizes the need to establish trading relationships beyond North America.

In future rounds of trade negotiations, we believe the government should:

- i. vigorously pursue the reduction of international trade barriers and tariffs;
- ii. pursue the elimination of trade-distorting government export subsidies within clearly established time limits; and
- iii. seek a clear definition of what constitutes an export subsidy.
- iv. include a reasonable expiry date and/or a mechanism to re-negotiate.

We support efforts by the government to develop new markets for Canadian goods and services by emphasizing the development of trade ties with emerging markets.

In recognition of freshwater as a critical resource to the future of Canadians, we believe that there should be an investigation into the protection and security of our long-term freshwater resources as they pertain to exportation as a commodity.

We believe the government should strive to maximize the benefits of our cross-border trade by reducing or removing impediments to the efficient flow of goods, services and people at border crossing points. The government should also pursue agreement on standards for secure identification of cross-border travelers that are both affordable and convenient.

Changes in technology or resources cause economic change and possible distortions.

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Section G: Trade, Article 42: Trade

1. In paragraph four add the following item:

iv. adjust the trade agreements so that they are valid for a specific length of time (eg. 5-10 years) and that re-negotiations should begin at least 6 months before they expire.

2. In paragraph four add the following item:

v. emphasize bringing back manufacturing in all major industries, with emphasis on automotive, steel, household consumer products, household consumer electronics, chemicals, light and heavy industrial machinery, transformers, motors and other electronic equipment and components.

3. Add the following paragraph:

Although multi-lateral agreements may be of benefit, bi-lateral agreements are preferred as multi-lateral agreements are very complicated and could harm our economy as markets, governments, world issues and trade issues change over time.

4. Add the following paragraph:

Carbon trading should not be a part of any trade negotiation and will be eliminated.

5. Add the following paragraph:

At this point in time we export too few goods and import too many. There must be a balance to this and we will calculate an import/export ratio which should be used as a guide for all future negotiations, and this ratio should include current GDP growth and projected future GDP growth.

6. Add the following paragraph:

Being a major supplier of resources and food products, the Conservative Party believes we should expand our export of oil, gas, coal, metals, minerals, beef and dairy products and work to protect these industries in all negotiations.

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Section H: Transportation, Article 44: Transportation Principles

1. Add:

The Conservative Party believes that the federal government should develop a national plan to modernize, upgrade and increase the infrastructure between and within the provinces and territories to increase trade and to bring products more easily to remote communities and first nations. This would include highways, roads, rail, bridges, gas lines, tunnels, etc. and a revitalization of the Trans-Canada highway.

2. Add:

The Conservative party will make it a priority to match funds at a predetermined rate to the provinces and territories for fixed price, cost effective projects which relieve transportation gridlock in major urban centres and which are at a low cost to the consumer.

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Section H: Transportation, Article 46: Ground Transportation

1. Add:

To decrease highway traffic we will develop plans to increase the use of rail lines for goods and passenger travel. The emphasis will be on areas of the country which are in need of economic renewal such as the Maritimes, the territories and the northern parts of the provinces.

2. Add:

It is our belief that the provinces of Ontario and Quebec need a high speed rail line connecting the major cities to decrease highway traffic and airline usage. This should be a major initiative between all related governments that should be led by the federal government with private sector partnerships with a major emphasis on low cost, efficient transportation to the consumer.

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Section I: Environment, Article 57: Plastics Pollution (New)

**Add the following paragraph**

As plastics are accumulating in our water, soil and elsewhere, we believe the government should encourage, promote, and provide incentives to develop and implement technology, including, but not limited to recycling plastic, and where recycling is not possible, incineration, to destroy plastic refuse.

**Rationale**

Plastics do not degrade. They only break up into smaller pieces. About 95% of all plastics ever created can still be found in the environment. Our lakes and oceans are full of our plastic garbage. Microbeads of plastics maybe entering our food chain.

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Section I: Environment, Article 50: Alternative Energy and Transitional Fuels (Modification)

**Insert existing actual wording from current Policy Declaration or Constitution**

**50. Alternative Energy and Transitional Fuels**

The Conservative Party believes the government should promote alternative energy (such as wind, solar, geothermal), transitional fuels (such as biodiesel, ethanol, natural gas), and the development of hydrogen as a fuel. The expense of assuring the security of traditional fuel sources and concerns over pollution makes the use of these energy sources necessary.

We believe the government should enhance tax incentives for energy efficient measures which lead to a cleaner environment.

As many sources of energy (such as solar and wind) are intermittent, we believe the government should encourage, promote and provide incentives to develop means of storing this energy until it is required.

We believe the government should work with the provinces and territories to promote the development of ecological recycling plants, using incinerators that capture waste gas and transform it into energy.

**Amendment**

As many sources of energy (such as solar and wind) are intermittent, we believe the government should encourage, promote and provide incentives to develop means of storing this energy until it is required.

**Rationale**

As energy must be consumed as soon as it is produced, waiting for the wind to blow or the sun to shine to light our buildings, etc., should not be necessary when it could be stored and consumed later.

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Section I: Environment, Article 59: Carbon Recapture (New)

**Amendment – add the following paragraph**

As natural processes take a long time to reabsorb carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, we believe the government should encourage, promote and provide incentives to develop and implement carbon recapture technology in order to reduce the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

**Rationale**

Carbon capture is especially important in Canada's Arctic where methane gas is being released as the permafrost melts.

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Section I: Environment, Article 58: Greenhouse Gas Reduction (New)

**Amendment – add the following paragraph**

The Conservative Party supports the direct regulation by government of greenhouse gas emissions in order to reduce their production.

**Rationale**

Such regulations worked well in reducing the components of acid rain.

Other suggested solutions, such cap and trade, are costly, ineffective and are open to political interference.

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Section J: Health, Article 57: Health Care

**Amendment**

The government should work with the provinces and territories in the development of national quality indicators and objectives, and ensure that outcomes, which are the results from a healthcare intervention, are measurable and are of significant value for the healthcare dollars invested.

**Rationale**

Adding the proposed wording will create a requirement for accountability as there must be a measurable value.

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Section J: Health, Article 61: Health Sciences Research, Development and Innovation

**Amendment**

A conservative government should, in consultation with the provinces and territories, be open to the implementation of new advances so that all Canadians can benefit from a modern, effective, and sustainable health system tailored to meet their needs, including robotic surgery.

**Rationale**

Robotic surgery can improve post-surgical recovery.

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Section J: Health, Article 62: Pharmaceuticals

**Add the following paragraph**

We support a national drug program, which would result in price reduction. The Pharmacare should be at the national level, not the provincial level.

**Rationale**

Ultimately, will ensure lower drug costs for Canadians as a result bulk purchases.

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Section J: Health, Article 63: Natural Health Products

**Add the following paragraph**

The National Health Product Directorate should be strengthened to improve a more rigorous evidenced based product standards.

**Rationale**

Tightening up the regulatory process will increase public safety.

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Section J: Health, Article 65: Abortion Legislation

**Deletion**

Delete Article 65 in its entirety.

**Rationale**

This Article conflicts with the intent of Article 7 that guarantees free votes to all members, including government ministers on matters of conscience. Article 65 was undemocratically parachuted by PMO at 2005 Montreal Convention.

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Section J: Health, Article 68: Maternal Health

**Add the following paragraph**

Abortion should be explicitly excluded from Canada's maternal and child health program in countries where Canadian aid is delivered.

**Rationale**

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Section M: Criminal Justice, Article 99: Firearms [Modification (significant)]

**Insert existing actual wording from current Policy Declaration or Constitution**

A Conservative Government is committed to cost effective gun control programs designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals while respecting the rights of law abiding Canadians to own and use firearms responsibly.

Measures will include: mandatory minimum sentences for the criminal use of firearms; strict monitoring of high risk individuals; increased enforcement and prosecution of smuggling; safe storage provisions; firearms safety training; a certification screening system for all those wishing to acquire firearms legally; and putting more law enforcement officers on our streets.

We recognize the legitimacy of private ownership of firearms and will resist any domestic or international pressure to the contrary.

A Conservative Government will not deprive Canadian Citizens of legally owned firearms.

A Conservative Government recognizes that civilian firearms ownership is a Canadian Heritage.

A Conservative Government would streamline Firearms classification by adopting the Simplified Classification System.

A Conservative government would order a review of firearms related laws to identify parts of those Acts that have no public safety value.

**Amendment to above**

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The CPC recognizes that firearms ownership is an important part of Canadian heritage. It also recognizes that efforts to control firearms in Canada have been misguided, and that such efforts have been expensive, unnecessary and have had no effect upon deterring criminal activity. A Conservative government will aim at removing licensing, registration, and compulsory government training from the firearms control regime. It will end the firearms classification system and seek to end government efforts to impede commerce in firearms and the right of citizens to freely enjoy their private property. It will establish a prohibited persons list to prevent those convicted of violent criminal offences from having access to firearms.

A Conservative government would order a review of firearms related laws to identify parts of those Acts that have no evidence based public safety value and repeal them accordingly.

### **Rationale**

Canada has instituted one of the strictest gun control regimes in the world; however empirical evidence now concludes that it has no affect on deterring criminal gun violence as it was intended. The unintended consequence of these dubious laws has been the increasing unjust criminalization and entrapment of ordinary law abiding Canadian citizens who are systematically being treated with prejudice under the law.

Conservatives have always been strong supporters of private firearms ownership in Canada, as we are the party that believes in personal freedom, individual responsibility and property rights. Unfortunately many firearms owners in the last election justifiably felt alienated by our party's half-hearted commitment to correcting these standing bad laws. So in order to win back their support and to restore general faith in the rule of law, we need to boldly demonstrate to the millions of estranged firearm owners that we are now fully supportive of their rights to own and use firearms by committing to correcting all standing injustices.

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Section V: National Defence and Security, Article 140: Canada First Defence (New)

The Conservative Party of Canada believes that it is a fundamental purpose of Canadian defence policy to:

Defend our democratic freedom and territorial integrity, as it is the highest obligation of our federal government.

Preserve our current obligations, regionally and internationally.

Join forces with our allies, when in Canada's best interests, to defend the rights and freedoms of peoples throughout the world.

Address the immediate and growing Cybersecurity threat which targets Canadian governmental departments, corporations and other institutions, and do so in a proactive manner.

Undertake an Electro-Magnetic Pulse hardening project for our critical infrastructure. Cost effective defence solutions exist and should be implemented once relevant nationwide policies are formulated.

The Conservative Party should not regard peacekeeping as a sufficient policy, but rather ought to engage actively in “peace-making” where help is required.

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Section V: National Defence and Security, Article 144: Streamlining Defence Procurement (New)

The Conservative Party believes in streamlining, reducing timelines and removing bureaucratic impediments from the procurement interests of the Canadian Forces and the Department of National Defence.

A Conservative party led multipartisan effort should be made in order to avoid turning the critical procurement process into a political event.

The Conservative Party should be clear about wanting to procure highly rated equipment for the armed forces, in contrast to the Liberal party's efforts to simply address the minimum required standards.

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Submitted by individual

Section C: Democratic Reform, Article 15: Freedom of Speech (New)

**Add new section**

The Conservative Party believes free speech is necessary for democracies to remain free. Therefore, we support:

- i. Withholding federal grants to universities that do not defend free speech;
- ii. Repealing "gender identity" legislation which compels Canadians to utter made-up pronouns like "ze" and "zir".

**State your rationale.**

Leader Andrew Scheer won on a campaign promise to withhold funding from universities that do not defend free speech:

*"As Prime Minister, I will make federal grant funding to universities dependent on their defence of free speech. Universities that do not defend free speech will not be eligible to apply for federal grants."*

Jordan Peterson explained how Trudeau's *Gender Identity* Bill C-16 will result in "compelled speech". Canadians will be compelled by the State to utter made-up personal pronouns such as "ze" and "zir" by those who identify as "transgendered", on pain of criminal and human rights, or even imprisonment.

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Section E: Fiscal, Article 22: Supporting Families

The Conservative Party recognizes the need to support families and children. We believe that Canada's decreasing birthrate needs to be addressed by reducing the barriers facing those wishing start and grow their families, thus ensuring the well-being and long-term sustainability of our communities.

We support tax fairness for families by eliminating inequities between single and dual income families and introducing a deduction for dependent children.

We support the elimination of all tax disadvantages to families including those who care for children at home. This recognizes the economic value of stay at home parents....

**Add new paragraph to article 22, after the third paragraph**

"We support government programs to promote the choice of adoption over abortion, and to remove the stigma of adoption so that more young mothers in crisis pregnancy choose to make an adoption plan. This will help reverse Canada's birthrate problem."

**State your rationale.**

Decreasing Canada's 100,000+ annual abortion rate would help reduce our fiscally unsustainable dependence on immigration, by increasing our 1.6 (below replacement) birthrate.

Example: A Canadian-born child who starts working at age 20, retires at 65, and dies at 85, pays taxes for 45 years and consumes benefits for 20. He/she paid taxes towards social programs for 25 years longer than they consumed benefits. That's sustainable.

An immigrant who comes to Canada and starts work at 50, retires at 65, and dies at 85, paid taxes for 15 years and consumed benefits for 20. He/she consumed expensive benefits for 5 years longer than they contributed.

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Section J: Health, Article 68: Maternal Health

The Conservative Party supports maternal and child health care initiatives designed to improve and protect women's and children's health and to reduce maternal death during pregnancy and delivery. The focus will be to ensure provision of the necessities of life – clean water, appropriate nutrition, inoculations, basic medical care, and training of health care workers to care for women and to deliver babies.

**Add this sentence:**

"Abortion should be explicitly excluded from Canada's maternal and child health program in countries where Canadian aid is delivered, since it is extremely divisive – and often illegal."

**State your rationale.**

1. Stephen Harper wisely excluded abortion from his signature Maternal & Child Health Program, explaining to journalists:

*"What we have been trying to do since 2010 is build broad public and international consensus for saving the lives of mothers and babies. You cannot do that if you introduce that other issue. The fact of the matter is it's not only divisive in our country and in other donor countries, it's extremely divisive in recipient countries where it's often illegal."*

2. Abortion is often considered by countries receiving foreign aid as an alien, unwanted concept they perceive as the latest form of Western colonialism.

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Section K: Social Policy, Article 83: Employment Non-Discrimination (new)

**Add new section**

The Conservative Party supports legislation to protect the rights of Canadian workers who believe in the traditional definition of marriage, from employment discrimination on the basis of their deeply held religious beliefs. These fundamental rights are affirmed in the Charter of Rights & Freedoms.

**State your rationale.**

1. Christians are being fired from their jobs, or rejected as potential candidates, on the basis of their religious belief in traditional marriage. Documented cases exist of such unlawful employment discrimination having taken place in television broadcasting (e.g. Damian Goddard), real estate (e.g. Andrew Ciastek / ReMax), tourism, law, office administration and marriage commissioners.
2. Such discriminatory practices violate Section 15.1 (equality) and Section 6.2(b) of the Charter which states: "*Every citizen of Canada and every person who has the status of a permanent resident of Canada has the right to pursue the gaining of a livelihood in any province*".

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Section M: Criminal Justice, Article 103: Child Protection

The Conservative Party supports the protection of children through the elimination of all defences that are used to justify the possession of child pornography.

We will oppose any effort to lower the age of protection below 16 years of age.

**Add this paragraph**

"We support a Born Alive Infant Protection Act to reinforce in law, full legal and human rights for children born alive after an induced abortion, including the right to life-saving medical treatment or neo-natal intensive care."

**State your rationale.**

1. Statistics Canada reported that 182 babies died after they were born alive following late-term abortions in 2013-14, a 16 percent increase over 2011-12.
2. A Quebec study of post-abortive infant deaths indicated that 216 babies died in the Quebec's hospitals and clinics after surviving botched abortions, between the years 2000 to 2012. The study's authors expressed concern about whether these children received proper medical care.
3. Subsection 223(1) of the Criminal Code states that a child becomes a human being "at the moment of complete birth", which means these abortion survivors and deserve full legal rights and medical care.

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Part 13 – Policy

**Add new section 13.8**

If it garners supporting signatures from national policy convention delegates in at least 100 EDAs, a proposed amendment to the Policy Declaration will immediately be put to a vote at the convention's policy break out session. If it passes there, it advances to plenary session.

**Rationale**

Section 13.1 of the CPC Constitution obligates the National Policy Committee to "facilitate" a policy process that at all times is "accountable to the members". Unfortunately, in the lead up to repeated Conventions, the Committee has instead "filtered" the policy process.

Against its constitutional mandate, this Committee devolved to acting as the "final say" on which resolutions can advance to Convention, vetoing policies that had widespread support amongst grassroots members at EDA and regional policy meetings. Inexplicably, policies with far less support found their way to Convention.

A parallel mechanism is needed to bypass unwanted, un-democratic "filtering" by the Committee.

