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Dr. Ryan Meili  
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Dear Dr. Meili:

I have reviewed the costing of your platform for the 2020 Saskatchewan election. The fiscal framework in your platform is based on the projections in the Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance's August 2020 First Quarter Report.

In my professional opinion, the costing of the measures in your platform is based off of reasonable assumptions, estimates, and modelling.

The plan forecasts manageable deficits given the scale of the economic downturn, appropriately taking advantage of historically low interest rates to affordably boost economic activity. Further, the plan will maintain the province's strong debt-to-GDP ratio. Given the challenges facing Saskatchewan today, this is a prudent fiscal plan.

Yours truly,



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# Fiscal Tables

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Q1 Spending Projections	\$ 16,177	\$ 16,111	\$ 16,350	\$ 16,595	\$ 16,843
<b>New Measures</b>					
Safe Schools and Smaller Classes	\$ 20.0	\$ 125.0	\$ 127.5	\$ 130.1	\$ 132.7
Ending Short Staffing in LTC and Acute Care	\$ 20.0	\$ 100.0	\$ 102.0	\$ 104.0	\$ 106.0
Building the Best Homecare in Canada	\$ -	\$ 50.0	\$ 51.0	\$ 52.0	\$ 53.0
\$25/day Childcare, Increasing Spaces 50%	\$ -	\$ 32.1	\$ 44.3	\$ 56.6	\$ 68.9
Insulin Pumps and Glucose Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 4.7	\$ 4.8	\$ 4.6	\$ 4.6
Mental Health Emergency Rooms	\$ -	\$ 7.8	\$ 8.0	\$ 8.1	\$ 8.3
Removing Interest from Student Loans	\$ -	\$ 4.8	\$ 4.9	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.1
Free Tuition for Kids Leaving Foster Care	\$ -	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.2
Restoring Funding to NORTEP	\$ -	\$ 3.4	\$ 3.5	\$ 3.6	\$ 3.7
Mental Health Supports in Schools	\$ -	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.2	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.6
Rural Education Strategy	\$ -	\$ 3.0	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.2
Investing in Public Health	\$ -	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.5
Protecting Grasslands and Wetlands	\$ -	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.2
Opioid and Crystal Meth Strategy	\$ -	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.2
Suicide Prevention Strategy	\$ -	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.3
Increased Addictions Treatment	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.2	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.6
Seniors Advocate	\$ -	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.3
Helping Workers In Changing World of Work	\$ -	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.2	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.6
Closing the Gap + Reconciliation	\$ -	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.2	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.6
Child Welfare Reform	\$ -	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.3
Poverty Reduction Strategy and Housing First	\$ -	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.3
Government and Crown Internship Program	\$ -	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.3
Increased Funding for Gang Strategy	\$ -	\$ 4.5	\$ 4.6	\$ 4.7	\$ 4.8
STC Operating	\$ -	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.2	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.6
Minimum Wage Offset	\$ -	\$ 1.7	\$ 4.3	\$ 7.9	\$ 9.9
Disability Strategy	\$ -	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.3
Removing the Reference Margins from AgriStability	\$ -	\$ 20.0	\$ 20.0	\$ 20.0	\$ 20.0
SGI Rebate	\$ 120.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Additional Cost of Borrowing	\$ 1.7	\$ 7.6	\$ 13.8	\$ 20.4	\$ 27.2
Total New Expenditure Changes	\$ 171.7	\$ 448.1	\$ 477.2	\$ 507.1	\$ 536.3
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Q1 Revenue Projections	\$ 14,047	\$ 14,761	\$ 15,495	\$ 16,255	\$ 16,968
<b>New Measures</b>					
Restore the Film Employment Tax Credit	\$ -	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (1.00)	\$ (1.30)
Removing the PST from Construction Labour	\$ -	\$ (200.0)	\$ (200.0)	\$ (200.0)	\$ (200.0)
Wealth Tax	\$ -	\$ 120.0	\$ 120.0	\$ 120.0	\$ 120.0
Reducing the Craft Beer Levy	\$ -	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)
SGI Rate Reduction	\$ -	\$ (70.00)	\$ (70.00)	\$ (70.00)	\$ (70.00)
Total New Revenue Changes	\$ -	\$ (150.8)	\$ (150.8)	\$ (151.3)	\$ (151.6)
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Q1 Government Projections	\$ (2,130.0)	\$ (1,350.0)	\$ (855.0)	\$ (340.0)	\$ 125.0
Net Impact of NDP Platform	\$ (171.7)	\$ (598.9)	\$ (628.0)	\$ (658.4)	\$ (687.9)
NDP Platform + Q1 Projections	\$ (2,301.7)	\$ (1,948.9)	\$ (1,483.0)	\$ (998.4)	\$ (562.9)



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