

4. Do you believe the Senate still has a purpose? Why or why not?
5. What is your position regarding parliamentary democracy?
6. What kind of Canada do you see as Canadians live longer?



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### Member Organizations

- Canada Post Heritage Club, Golden Sheaf Chapter
- Fédération des aînés fransaskois
- Lifelong Learning Centre
- Moose Jaw & District Seniors Association
- National Association of Federal Retirees
- Power Pioneers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.
- Regina Senior Citizens Centre Inc.
- Saskatchewan Union Retirees Federation
- Saskatchewan Retirees Association
- Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.
- Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association
- Saskatoon Council on Aging
- SaskTel Pioneers - Chapter 59
- Senior Power
- Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
- Women of the Dawn

### Supporters of SSM

- Eden Care Communities, Regina
- Saskatchewan Association of Nurse Practitioners
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities

### Partner

- Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association

## SOCIAL ISSUES

1. What would you do to make sure veterans are treated with dignity in their senior years?
2. What do you feel is the most important thing you can do to help the environment?
3. Do you believe the Federal Government has a role to play with regard to senior abuse? If so, what are you prepared to do to safeguard against senior abuse?
4. What is your position regarding Collective Bargaining?

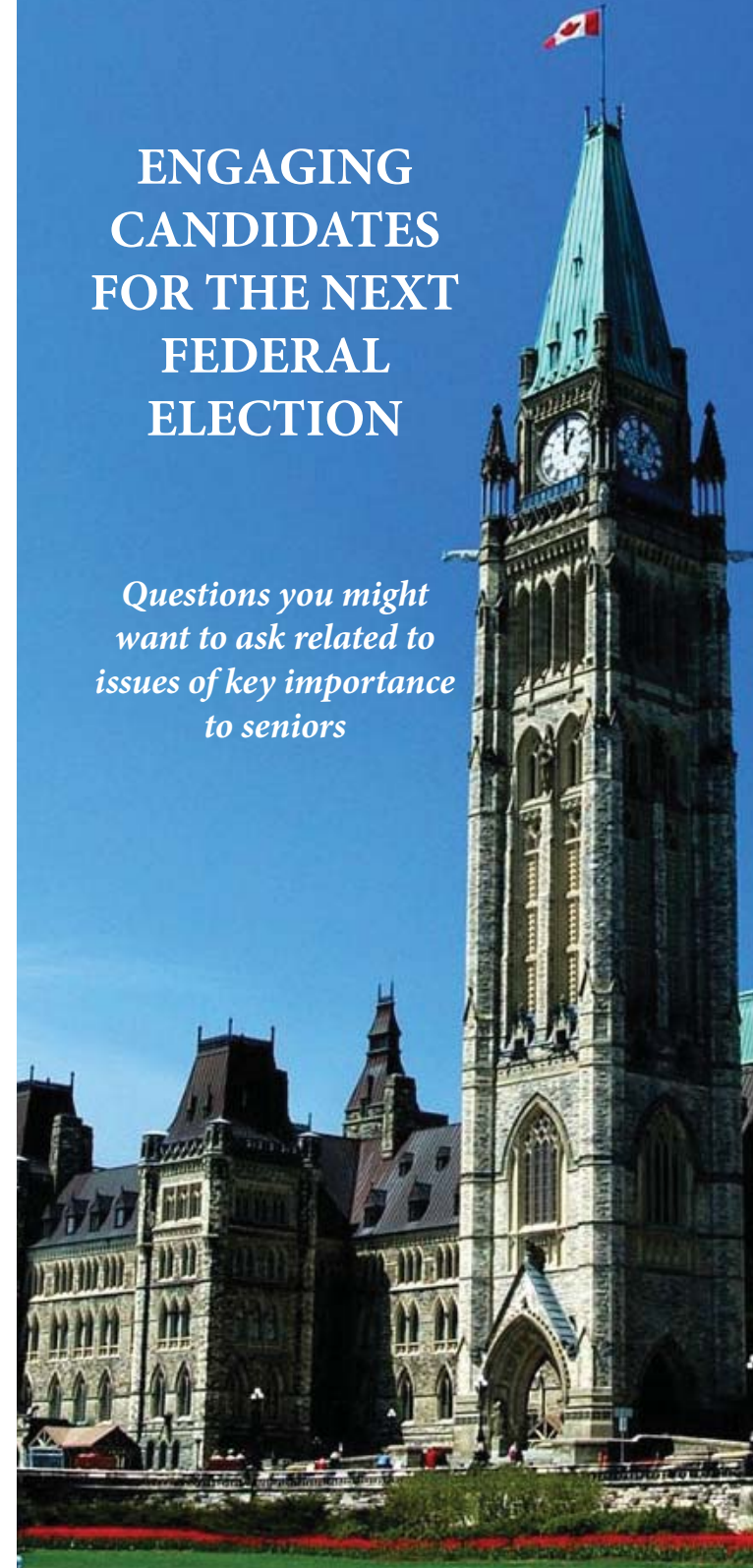
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# ENGAGING CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION

*Questions you might  
 want to ask related to  
 issues of key importance  
 to seniors*



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## *Working to Achieve a Caring, Consultative and Committed Canadian Parliament*

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Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism wants to encourage each political party and its candidates to be fully engaged in communications with seniors. SSM is committed to providing support to older adults in Saskatchewan to engage the candidates and their political parties. The post-election Parliament must be committed to providing leadership and support to the provinces and territories so that their constitutional responsibilities are carried out in a coordinated, consultative and unified manner. In this way Canada can realize a truly efficient and effective approach to responding to the needs and realities of seniors.

This pamphlet is intended to assist older adults in ensuring that all candidates seeking a seat in Canada's Parliament are aware of and responsive to the relevant issues and are committed to working on behalf of Canadian seniors now and in the future.

## SECURITY FOR SENIORS

1. Does the Consumer Price Index for Canada meet the requirements for seniors? If the items seniors require are not included in the index, what are you prepared to do to make the relevant changes?
2. Many seniors depend solely on OAS/ CPP/GIS. Tell us what you believe about the ability of these seniors to have an adequate living income.
3. What types of things are you prepared to advocate for to ensure that seniors can remain in their own homes longer?
4. Do you believe that our province has enough housing assistance coming from the federal level to ensure support for all seniors, no matter what care is required? If not, where are the greatest needs and what are you prepared to do to make sure these needs are addressed adequately?
5. Seniors are asking for a tax credit for recreation including physical, creative and intellectual activities. What are you willing to do to support these initiatives?
6. Do you support tax breaks for single income Canadian families? Why or why not?
7. Protection of pension provisions is imperative for seniors. What can be done to support this?
8. What is the role of pensions in Canada's future?

## HEALTH RELATED ISSUES

1. Do you believe universal pharmacare would increase access to necessary medicines, improve patient health and reduce costs elsewhere in the health care system? If so, what are you prepared to do to work toward a national drug plan? How will this be better for Saskatchewan seniors?
2. Do you agree that Home Care should be covered under the Canada Health Act?
3. Tell us about your views on the National Health Accord and health care services. Are you prepared to honor the five main principles of the Canada Health Act? If so, what do you plan to do to pursue this?
4. Recently we have experienced shortages of certain drugs. What needs to be in place to address this issue?

## REPRESENTATION ISSUES

1. What are you prepared to do to maintain a connection with the seniors in your riding so they can continue to get an update on a regular basis?
2. Proportional representation is seen by many people to be superior to the "first past the post" system we have now. Do you agree: Why or why not?
3. What are you prepared to do to encourage more voter turnout?