**Content of the email sent on behalf of Peter Coleridge, President and CEO, Prostate Cancer Canada to the Federal parties:**

Subject: Canadians want to know your plans to address prostate cancer issues

On behalf of Prostate Cancer Canada and the families we serve, thank you for representing and serving Canadians by running for political office.

Did you know?

* Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men
* 1 in 9 Canadian men will be diagnosed in their lifetime
* Every day 62 men are diagnosed and 11 die from the disease
* Almost 1 in 2 Canadians know someone who has been diagnosed

The impact of prostate cancer is far reaching and we would like to know how your party plans to address major prostate cancer issues impacting Canadians. We plan to share responses with the communities we serve – your constituents – on our website, newsletter, and/or social media. We would appreciate your response to the following questions by October 4th:

1. **Do you support establishing single-payer, public pharma care in Canada?** How will you ensure the national pharma care formulary includes the most effective prostate cancer medications that treat the disease, symptoms, and treatment side effects?
2. **How do you plan on improving timely access to cancer drugs, while also ensuring patient safety?** Drug approval processes are lengthy, forcing patients to wait years before accessing a new treatment that could save or prolong their lives.
3. **How would you advocate for more equitable access to cancer interventions for all Canadians?** Currently, access to necessary services, such as treatments and testing, vary across Canada. For example, the PSA test for early detection is not funded in Ontario or British Columbia, and only some provinces include a vital drug for advanced disease, abiraterone acetate, on their formularies.
4. **What is your stance on increasing government research funding** to stop Canadians dying of prostate cancer and prevent the disease?

Prostate Cancer Canada envisions a life without prostate cancer. This vision can be realized with federal support. I look forward to hearing your party’s plans to improve the health of Canadians related to prostate cancer. Together we can save and improve more lives, and your constituents are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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