



# Health Care

EIGHT YEARS OF BROKEN PROMISES

## The Liberal Record

When Gordon Campbell and the Liberals were first elected to government in 2001, health care spending in BC (as a percentage of GDP) was 2nd highest amongst Canadian provinces.

Today BC has dropped to 7th place.

400,000 residents of BC don't have a family doctor.

The shortfall of family doctors is getting worse not better.

The Campbell government broke its promise to build 5,000 new not-for-profit long-term residential care beds by 2006.

## Private System, Private Benefits

Universal public health care—Medicare—is the most efficient, fair and affordable method of providing health care.

The Campbell government and corporate promoters of for-profit health care have been doing their best to convince people that the only way to improve Canada's health care system is to open it to private, for-profit, interests.

In the last five years, the number of for-profit clinics has more than doubled, and many of these are charging patients privately for necessary health services.

The Campbell government has hired private contractors to clean our hospitals and provide food to patients. These contractors pay low wages which creates huge staff shortages and constant turnover.

Housekeepers and dietary workers aren't getting the training they need. And they don't have enough supplies and equipment to keep our hospitals clean and safe.

### THE VANCOUVER SUN Letters to the Editor - December 1, 2008

I am so angry at the provincial government's B.S. about shortening the waiting lists for an MRI. Who are they kidding? My husband has been waiting since April for just a call from his surgeon's office to advise him of when an appointment has been booked...This government needs to stop trying to pull the wool over our eyes.

**Vicki Sanderson**  
Burnaby



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CANADIAN CENTRE  
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"The government policy of contracting out health care support services is jeopardizing the health and well-being of workers, their families, and patients and residents in BC facilities."

### OCEANSIDE STAR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - NOVEMBER 17, 2008

We don't have health care but "sick care". Our problems are treated with brevity, a prescription pad and referrals.

**Paul Williams**  
Vancouver Island



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**works for all British Columbians.**

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