

Dear Friends,

With the latest Alberta Health Services budget announcement, more than ever, we need your help to stand up for public health care.

Duckett and the AHS are projecting a billion deficit that he thinks they can take of through finding "efficiencies" in the system! A billion dollars represents about 8% of total budget for health. One in ten workers. The only way they could find a billion dollars in this context is to make deep cuts.

However, it is certainly possible to fight back, and now, more than ever, we need to stand together.

Fortunately, we just launched our "**More Health Cuts? Wrong Way!**" campaign.

We need people to take one or more of the following actions to move forward:

What I need:

I need volunteers to organize letter writing campaigns.

You can start by writing a letter. You don't even need to be part of a group just yet. You can get tips and hints on writing a letter from our Community Action Tool Kit on our Campaign Website www.wrongway.ca

I need people to meet with their MLAs.

A letter is good, but an in-person meeting is better! Make sure you stick to one or two points only and book a follow up meeting if you've asked them to take some action. Look for more tips in the Tool Kit.

I need people to organize rallies in your community.

Even just 30 or 40 people rallying outside of their Rural MLAs office will make a big statement. Rural MLAs don't expect people to make the effort to come to their office to rally. When we have dozens of these happening across the province, it will be a huge statement!

If you live in a larger centre, this will also be effective.

I need volunteers to hand out information at Farmers' Market tables.

Farmers' Markets usually have free tables available to non-profit organizations. It is as simple as calling them and asking when you can set up your table! It makes it easier if you can spread the hours between a few people.

Tell me what your Locals have been doing!

If you have active groups of people within your local who are already doing these things, please get in touch with me so we can consolidate our efforts. As we need to move fast, the sooner you provide me with this info, the better!

You can find tips and hints on how to organize rallies, write letters, or meet with your MLA on our new Campaign website www.wrongway.ca

When you are organizing a rally, a Farmers' Market table, town hall meeting, or other actions, remember to call or email me the information so I can put it through our lists and put it on our website!

If you need any help, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at fomcampaign@gmail.com

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