**Arthritis in Ontario – A letter to Ontario electoral candidates** 

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<u>Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts</u>

Dear Electoral Candidate,

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in your province.

Arthritis has devastating and debilitating effects on the lives of more than 2 million Ontario

residents.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and work disability in Ontario. About a quarter of the Ontario residents living with arthritis between 20 to 54 years of age were not in the labour

force because of their arthritis.

Arthritis Consumer Experts is asking Ontario's political leaders to share their plan on how to

meet the needs of Ontario residents and improve arthritis prevention, treatment and care.

We look forward to your Party's response to our attached survey titled: "Share your plan for

arthritis prevention, treatment and care in Ontario".

We have also included an arthritis information fact sheet titled "Arthritis Consumer Experts –

Arthritis in Ontario Fact Sheet" for your reference.

Regards,

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