

Arthritis in Alberta – A letter to the Alberta Party
Email sent out date: May 9, 2023

Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Mr. Morishita,

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in Alberta.

What are Alberta's political leaders plans on how to meet the needs of more than 650,000 Alberta residents living with arthritis. Arthritis Consumer Experts is asking the Alberta Party for a response to our attached survey titled: "Share your plan for arthritis prevention, treatment and care in Alberta".

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To effectively treat and manage arthritis, the next elected Alberta government must improve the level of arthritis prevention, treatment, and care.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Arthritis in Alberta – A letter to the Alberta Liberal Party
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Arthritis in Alberta – A letter to the Alberta New Democratic Party
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Dear Ms. Notley,

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Arthritis in Alberta – A letter to the United Conservative Party of Alberta
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Dear Premier Smith,

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