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# **Policy Priorities**

If your party formed the next government, would it:

#### **Prolonged Solitary**



Ban prolonged solitary confinement? This would limit being alone in a cell for 22 hours per day or more without meaningful human contact to 15 consecutive days consistent with the requirements of the Nelson Mandela Rules - UN Minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners.

# Adequate Medical Care



Remove the exclusion of federal prisoners from the definition of 'insured persons' under the Canada Health Act and provide federal prisoners with the same quality of healthcare available to the rest of the population?

#### **Criminal Records Act**

Amend the Criminal Records Act to close criminal records after the sentence and a crime free period have been successfully completed without the costly, arbitrary, and cumbersome application process that is prejudicial against marginalized people?



### **Digital Literacy & Access**

Allow federal prisoners to have controlled access to digital technology so they can participate in education, skills training and promote pro-social contact with family and community?

# Rehabilitation, Reintegration & Recidivism Reduction

Institute and fund an effective correctional approach for federal prisoners that is collaborative, targeted to the individual's needs and strengths, culturally relevant, evidence-based and intended to promote community safety by reducing recidivism through effective rehabilitative programing, reintegration support, and involvement of community?

# **Mandatory Penalties**

Amend relevant legislation to allow judicial discretion to impose other than a mandatory minimum penalty if a lesser penalty is needed to provide a proportionate and fit sentence in the circumstances.

