



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
Newfoundland and Labrador

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**District of St. John's Centre**

November 10, 2025

Premier Wakeham,

I am writing today to express my deep concern about the lack of investment in Pharmacare in the federal budget, and to strongly urge you to advocate for ensuring that Newfoundland and Labrador still has the opportunity to sign on to this vital program.

As you know, the previous Liberal government delayed acting on this initiative, leaving critical federal funds untapped – funds that could have been directed to support Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. This is particularly concerning given that one in three people in our province are affected by diabetes. The national Pharmacare program would help cover the cost of essential medications, offering real financial relief and improving health outcomes for thousands of residents.

For years, the NL NDP has emphasized that this program is designed as a negotiation, not a one-size-fits-all approach. Newfoundland and Labrador would have the ability to negotiate coverage for the diabetes medications most needed here, including glucose monitors. As you know, our province already funds a glucose monitoring program. By participating in the national plan, those existing costs could be offset, allowing us to redirect savings to strengthen our public healthcare system as a whole. Moreover, the current provincial program is not universal and still requires income testing. By signing on to the federal program, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians living with diabetes would finally have access to coverage regardless of their income.

I urge you to advocate to Prime Minister Carney to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador can still join the national Pharmacare program. Doing so will not only save residents money on essential medications but also contribute to a healthier, more equitable province.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Dinn".

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