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Dear Ms. Sobolov,

Enclosed, please find the Liberal Party response to your questionnaire.

For more information on the Liberal Party of Canada's vision for Canada, please take a moment to review our platform online at [www.liberal.ca](http://www.liberal.ca). This document provides details on Liberal goals and priorities.

On behalf of our Leader, Stéphane Dion, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership. We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

Doug Ferguson, President  
Liberal Party of Canada



## **A Liberal Response to The Lung Association**

### **1. Will you support funding The National Lung Health Framework, Canada's first national action plan on health?**

A Liberal government would be open to discussions and consultations with the Lung Association and other relevant stakeholders concerning the National Lung Health Framework.

### **2. Will you back strong legislation and regulations to clean up the air Canadians breathe?**

In the last parliament the Liberal Party worked closely with other opposition parties to re-draft C-30, the Clean Air and Climate Change Act. Under the provisions of the act as drafted by the opposition, a robust anti-pollution scheme would have been put in place, in addition to strict regulation of the greenhouse gas emissions of the 700 largest industrial facilities in the country. Moreover, the amended C-30 would have required that the federal government put in place world-leading standards on motor-vehicle fuel efficiency. The Liberal Party remains committed to all of these principles and will bring in legislation to this effect when in office.

The only reason that C-30 did not become law is because the Conservative government refused to bring the amended bill to the floor of the House of Commons for a vote, or even debate.

### **3. Will you support increased funding for research on lung disease?**

The Liberal Party is committed in investing in Health research and research on Lung disease. In 2005 we invested hundreds of millions of dollars in health research. Among the projects funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research were projects examining the impact of prenatal exposure to cigarette smoking. This is the type of initiative a new Liberal government will undertake to fight lung disease.