

Election statement:

Growing up in a rural community in Northwestern Ontario, I witnessed firsthand how limited access to care impacted my family and neighbours living with chronic conditions—an experience that continues to shape my purpose and drive my advocacy efforts today.

I am committed to expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to better support communities across rural Canada. Pharmacists should be able to practice to their full potential—improving timely access to care, supporting chronic disease management, and reducing the burden on an already stretched healthcare system.

With my role at Neighbourly Pharmacy, I lead a team that focuses on a balanced approach - ensuring patients receive the care they need while enabling pharmacies to thrive and have sustainable pharmacy operations.

After more than 25 years, I am ready to be a thoughtful voice for the profession—advocating for expanded scope, equitable access, and a future where pharmacists play a central role in delivering care to all Canadians, no matter where they live.

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