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Media Release: CUPE Saskatchewan polling identifies health care as the top issue in the provincial election

SASKATOON: Today, Mark Hancock, CUPE's National President was joined by CUPE Saskatchewan President Kent Peterson to release the results of provincial polling conducted this fall. It found that health care is the top issue for Saskatchewan people and will be the ballot box issue when voters go to the polls on October 28.

"We represent nearly 14,000 health care workers in the province, so we know first-hand how broken Saskatchewan's health care system is. This new research shows that Saskatchewan people do too," said Kent Peterson, president of CUPE Saskatchewan. "We're in a health care election and the ballot box issue is health care. We're reminding people that it's Scott Moe who broke our health care system and that he can't be trusted to fix it. It's time to vote for change."

The research conducted in the lead up to and during the writ period by Janet Brown – Opinion Research found:

- That of those surveyed 46% identified health care as their top issue.
- That of those surveyed 61% believed Scott Moe is doing a poor job of managing our health care system.
- Scott Moe's approval rating has dropped 4 points in one year.
- Support for the Sask. Party has dropped 16 points in one year.
- Support for the Saskatchewan NDP has surged 12 points to 40 percent from October 2020 to October 2024.
- Over the same period, support for the Sask. Party has cratered 16 points to 45 percent. Brown's margin of error is 3.5 percent, putting the two major parties near a statistical dead heat.

"Saskatchewan is the birthplace of public health care. It is unacceptable that the health care system is plagued with shutdowns, ballooning wait times, and service disruptions," said CUPE's National President Mark Hancock. "Enough is enough. Saskatchewan workers deserve better than this tired and out of touch Scott Moe government. On October 28 – we will show the whole country that Saskatchewan deserves better."

CUPE is Canada's largest union representing 750,000 workers in every province working in airlines, childcare, communications, education, emergency services, energy, health care, libraries, municipalities, post-secondary, social services, and transportation.

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