Hello [Mr/Ms—insert name]

Congratulations on your nomination as NDP leadership candidate. I am writing to you today, as a constituent of [insert city or district], to learn more about your position on access to involuntary mental health hospitalization and treatment, addictions and substance use care, as these are often concurrent challenges.

I am the [parent/caregiver] of a loved one who suffers from a [bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder]. This serious mental health issue drastically impacts their life, as well as mine and other caregivers.  Mental illness is often compounded by substance use.

* What do you see as the most significant gaps, and what are your priorities in mental health treatment, addictions and substance use care?
* How do you view involuntary hospitalization and treatment provisions of the BC Mental Health Act?
* As a final candidate, will you actively voice your concerns and priorities on mental health treatment, addictions and substance use care?

I sincerely appreciate your time, and I look forward to your response, which I will share with my mental health network.

Sincerely,

[Insert your name]