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A Message from Jack Layton on Credit Education Week

I would like to congratulate the participants of Credit Education Week for the foresight they have shown by engaging with the issue of personal financial planning. According to many indicators, Canada's economy is booming in many sectors. However, when I talk to ordinary Canadians across the country, they tell a different story.

People who are trying to make a living, go to school, and take care of their families are finding more and more that it is hard to make ends meet. Wealth is being generated, but it is not necessarily being shared, which means that many people are falling into a growing prosperity gap.

At the federal level, the NDP is raising this issue because we know it's something that so many people face in their day to day lives. We are doing our part to make sure that people working in the struggling manufacturing and forestry sectors are not left behind. We are proposing concrete ways to make life more affordable, by preventing the gouging of consumers and the misuse of Employment Insurance and retirement funds.

It is, of course, of great importance that individuals as well as governments do their part to promote financial security. I applaud the initiative shown by Credit Canada and the Credit Association of Greater Toronto in organizing these events. On behalf of the New Democratic Party of Canada, I wish you all great success in achieving and maintaining your financial security.

Sincerely,

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