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## **The Campaign for David Eby to Step Down as BC NDP Leader**

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The NDP Rose Caucus is an organization composed of Democratic Socialist members of the New Democratic Party from across the country.

After listening to months of feedback and concerns from our membership, stakeholders, and other New Democrats, we have decided to call on David Eby to step down as leader of the British Columbia New Democratic Party (BC NDP).

With this call, the Rose Caucus will be launching the “Bye Bye Eby” campaign, calling on NDP members of all stripes to stand up and join us in asking the Premier to step down. This campaign will include various pressure methods, depending on the timeline, including but not limited to: social media education, meeting with key party stakeholders, events, and canvassing to gain petition signatures.

This is not a decision we take lightly. Still, it follows a retrospective on Premier Eby’s time as leader of the party and his consistent track record of unacceptable capitulation and flip-flopping on issues crucial to the values and futures of British Columbians.

Throughout his time as party leader, he has systematically worked to undermine internal democracy and accountability. Having never been democratically elected by BC NDP members, he simply does not have the mandate to continue violating their will. Time and time again, Premier Eby has refused to listen to the clear voice of party members. At our provincial convention in November, delegates voted unanimously to call on the government to repeal the name change ban. He ignored them. On democratic reform, he has refused to act despite strong support from members and a clear recommendation from the Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform to move toward proportional representation and lowering the voting age. He’s called these reforms a “nonstarter”, turning his back on improvements that would safeguard our province against a far-right government being elected with minority support.



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This same pattern has played out on DRIPA. Despite members clearly opposing changes at convention, Premier Eby moved to propose amendments without meaningful consultation with caucus, stakeholders, or First Nations. The result was a full-scale caucus revolt that exposed just how weak his leadership has become. He backed down only after it became clear his government would fall and British Columbians would be forced into an unnecessary and unwanted election. He then attempted to push forward again, only to retreat once more under pressure. This is not leadership. It is crisis management driven by political self-interest.

His disregard for party rules has further eroded trust. He has allowed federal Liberals into the BC NDP, both as members and as elected officials, in clear contradiction of the party's constitution. This constitutes a blatant double standard in favour of well-connected centrists, over grassroots new democrats who actually believe in the causes our party was founded on. One of the most egregious examples is John Aldag, a sitting Liberal MP who was permitted to run for the BC NDP in 2024, only to again run for the federal Liberal Party a few months later. This damages grassroots members' trust in our movement and hurts our perception with voters by making us seem like simply Liberals in orange.

Electorally, his leadership has clearly failed to resonate with British Columbians. In 2024, the BC NDP should have secured a decisive victory against a divided opposition. Instead, under Eby's leadership, the party came within just 26 votes of losing to a party that had won zero seats in the previous election. This should have been a wakeup call, but since the election, he has only doubled down on all the same failed strategies that got us here in the first place. The direction of the party under Premier Eby is not only unsustainable but also dangerous. If this continues, the door will be opened to a far-right government that will undo a decade of progress in this province, putting the rights and freedoms of all Canadians at risk.

We are calling on all BC NDP MLAs and party officials to stand up for what is right and add their voices to the growing calls for his resignation. **Silence is no longer an option.**

We are also calling on the party executive and staff to immediately allow for an open, fair, competitive, and democratic leadership race to choose his successor. The members of this party must be allowed to decide its future.

The BC NDP was built on the principles of democracy, accountability, and solidarity. Under David Eby's leadership, those principles have been repeatedly cast aside.

It is time for new leadership.



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