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As parliament resumes this week and sparks pre-election positioning for Canada's political parties, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has released its annual Alternative Federal Budget that could inform party platforms.

These include solutions for housing affordability, health care, and climate change—key concerns for most Canadians, according to Abacus Data polls.

In A platform for the future, from the ground up, the Alternative Federal Budget covers 26 issue areas—from food and income security to seniors' care. As always, all proposals are fully costed and an extensive revenue chapter shows how programs could be paid for.

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"Canadians continue to struggle with an affordability crisis, yet Canada is a wealthy country. The federal government can, and should, invest more of that wealth in greater public services, including affordable housing and universal dental care. With a federal election on the horizon, this Alternative Federal Budget is a roadmap that can shape the political discussion in the year to come," says CCPA Senior Economist David Macdonald.

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