

Albertans For Responsible Government

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As our name suggests, we stand for “responsible government”.

What does that mean?

It means we want government that is accountable; government that allows free enterprise and entrepreneurship to thrive; and government that protects and promotes individual freedom.

Our goal is to provide a voice for Albertans who believe in these values and who want to protect these values.

The best way to protect Albertan values is for the provincial government to assert control over those areas that are constitutionally already under provincial jurisdiction.

For instance, the Alberta government should consider taking the following steps:

- Collect its own revenue from personal income tax as is already done for corporate income tax. There is no reason for Ottawa to collect Alberta’s revenue.

- Resume provincial responsibility for health care policy. Albertans deserve better than the long waiting periods and declining care that is coming to characterize Canadian medicine.
- Create an Alberta Pension Plan to replace the Canadian Pension Plan. The Alberta Pension Plan would offer the same benefits at lower costs while giving Alberta control over the investment fund.
- Use section 88 of the Supreme Court’s decision in the Quebec Secession Reference to force Senate Reform back onto the national agenda. The decision requires the federal government to seriously consider a proposal for constitutional reform endorsed by a “clear majority on a clear question” in a provincial referendum.
- Create an Alberta Provincial Police force. Like the other major provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Alberta should have its own provincial police force.

Protecting our values means more than just keeping guard against the federal government.

A.R.G. also acts as a watchdog on the Alberta government, to help ensure Albertans get the government they deserve at a price they can afford.

The more Albertans who support us the more effective we can be in standing up for a stronger, freer Alberta.

So join Albertans for Responsible Government. Help us fight for Alberta’s future.

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