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B.C.'s health care services sell off linked to PR guru with ties to BC's private clinics and Paul Martin's election team

BC Health Coalition Calls on BC and federal Liberals to stop the games and protect medicare

The BC Health Coalition was surprised to learn that a key Paul Martin election campaign organizer has also been lobbying the BC government on behalf of private clinics.

Terrie Hendrickson, BC health coalition coordinator said

"It's time for both the federal and provincial Liberals to stop bouncing our healthcare challenges back and forth at one another. They've got to stop playing games with something as critical as our medicare system. When I learned that Bruce Young, formally with Public Relations giant Hill and Knowlton who has lobbied the BC government on behalf of the Coalition of Healthcare Options, a front for private clinic interests, has now moved to Paul Martin's campaign team, I was shocked. If our New Prime Minister really believes in public healthcare, which is what he's saying these days, then why is he taking advice from promoters of private clinics. And likewise, if the province really wants to improve medicare services, why are they tossing out their new Medicare Protection Act and using the feds as an excuse."

The BC Health Coalition is concerned that the whole public debate about a person's right to pay for healthcare, that is being promoted by for-profit companies is part of a joint agenda by Paul Martin and Gordon Campbell to sell off our medicare services.

"It's time both Liberal chiefs got on with their duty which is to provide healthcare to all Canadians, regardless of income", said Hendrickson.

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