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## *Forty Economists Endorse Linda McQuaig*

We write to endorse Linda McQuaig's candidacy for the upcoming federal by-election in Toronto Centre.

Linda has deep roots in Toronto Centre, having been born in the riding and lived in it for many years. She is also well-known across Canada.

We know her through her extensive research, writing and advocacy on inequality, tax fairness, fiscal policy, globalization, energy and the environment. Her national bestsellers on these issues not only diagnose social problems, but also prescribe policy solutions.

Too often, right-wing politicians win by presenting themselves as good economic managers. British Columbia's provincial election was the latest example of how the right's rhetorical focus on the economy can prevail.

That election also illustrated how simply being cautious and saying little about economic issues is an ineffective defence for the political left. New Democrats must challenge the economic record of conservative governments and articulate alternatives to austerity.

Canada needs elected officials who will credibly and confidently speak up for progressive economic policies.

We need Linda McQuaig in Parliament.

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