**Letter to the editor**

Dear Editor,

Name of Newspaper

There are many important issues being debated this election. An issue of concern to my family, and over 3 million other Canadians and their families, is food allergy. Daily vigilance is required to avoid my child having a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Even with our best efforts, we rely on community awareness to help keep him safe. We also depend on an accurate diagnosis and being able to access epinephrine auto-injectors. If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it is the importance of evidence-based policy and shared responsibility. I believe food allergy needs to be viewed as a public health priority in Canada. Food Allergy Canada and the Canadian Society of Allergy & Clinical Immunology launched the [National Food Allergy Action Plan](https://foodallergycanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/FAC-NationalStrategy-ENG-Online-July2019.pdf). This plan provides a framework to guide future investment decisions and policy actions for reducing the impact of food allergy and improving the quality of life for Canadians at-risk. A decrease in incidence of allergic reactions requiring emergency care and the prevention of food allergy from developing in children, could have a tremendous positive impact not just on affected families but on Canadian society as a whole, particularly through a reduction of public health costs. I would like to see all parties in this election support this national action plan.

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