

## NDP abandons accident victims

Re: "Minor injury regulation  
changes," May 19.

Behind closed doors and with  
no discussion whatsoever in  
our Legislative Assembly, late  
last week the NDP cabinet  
quietly amended the Minor  
Injury Regulation to add  
people with jaw joint and  
psychological injuries to the  
list of car crash victims sub-  
ject to an insurance compen-  
sation cap.

When the previous PC  
government slashed com-  
pensation available to people  
suffering sprains, strains and  
whiplash injuries in auto ac-  
cidents, the NDP opposition  
strongly criticized the PCs as  
favouring the fiscal inter-  
ests of insurance companies  
over the rights of innocent  
victims.

Now the NDP is siding with  
the multibillion-dollar insur-  
ance industry by intention-  
ally revictimizing even more  
vulnerable Albertans hurt by  
reckless or impaired drivers.

The fact that the govern-  
ment announced this shortly

before the May long week-  
end, when few were paying  
attention, perhaps indicates  
just how embarrassed the  
NDP is at its own hypocrisy.

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