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It is with heavy hearts that we at the Canadian Nurses Association extend our deepest sympathies to Olivia Chow, Mike and Sarah Layton, and the entire New Democratic Party family, upon the death of Jack Layton.

A champion in every sense of the word, Jack's unwavering commitment to the health of our nation will serve as an inspiration for our leaders today and tomorrow. His passion and conviction for making our world a better place powered his fight to protect our country's publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system.

Jack will be remembered as a remarkable man, leader and Canadian. An inspiration even in passing, he leaves us with these words:

"My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world."

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