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Press Release

The Alternative Peoples' Party (APP) is sensitive to the plight of Dominicans, and at this period, put the people's priorities ahead of our party's agenda.

In light of the current upsurge of COVID-19 cases locally, the leadership of our party has decided to postpone our first-ever National Convention which was scheduled for August 22, 2021, and, instead, place our attention on providing assistance where possible.

Additionally, we understand the Government's restrictive measures in response to the dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. Because of these measures, our planned venue is now unavailable, and the logistics involved with a change of venue further compounds the situation, especially since the country will be in total lock-down on the weekend of our proposed convention.

We all can agree that COVID-19 is the single most significant issue affecting our country, and it demands 100% of our attention and participation if we are to successfully manage the spread of this deadly virus which has and still continues to impact our entire country in some way.

Our team agrees with the Hon. Prime Minister when he says that "We must all work together to prevent further spread of this disease to safeguard the collective health of our nation," and in this regard, we ask for all hands, minds and hearts to be joined in the efforts to heal our nation; beginning with minimizing what appears to be the rapid community spread. We have signed up for duty.

On Sunday, August 22, our party will launch a campaign under the theme, 'Covid Among Us,' to connect and partner with the authorities, citizens, visitors and friends on Dominica's COVID-19 response. This will take the form of a series of public social media virtual gatherings to help in the dissemination of information. By this token, we will also be receiving crucial feedback from the people. The media outreach will also take other forms which will be announced ahead of time.

APP has unreservedly embraced the call from the government of Dominica and our health authorities to partner in the fight against COVID-19. This is indeed our nation's most significant health challenge yet, and if we are to prevail, we must work together, and if we work together, we will be better able to take care of one and other.

Please follow COVID-19 protocols and stay safe.

Tahira Blanchard
Political Leader