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Press Release

We are baffled at the Government's sudden shifts amidst a spike in COVID-19 cases.

While our party welcomes the opportunity for citizens to get back to work, we believe that greater caution should be exercised in the management of the present situation. All the facts and recommended COVID-19 management protocols suggest that the policymakers may have acted prematurely with last weekend's announcement on the abrupt reopening of the country.

If, when we had 14 cases, the country remained on lock-down until we reached a more manageable number, what explains this reopening after a lockdown was put in place in a situation where the cases are in the hundreds and trending up? Something does not add up here, but a stimulus package for Dominicans and a 14-day management window would.

If we were in office, APP would offer at least \$2, 000.00 per household for families without a direct salaried member of the family, or \$ 950.00 for each working or salaried individual in each household. This stimulus would be given on the strength of the family registry information, and the most vulnerable families would receive a basic \$500.00 in addition to the \$ 950.00 for each salaried family member under the household.

We would offer \$ 2, 500.00 to each registered small business and a duty-free holiday for three months on food and medicine, and essential products, goods and services for larger corporations and manufacturing concerns.

Dominica stands to suffer if the management of this COVID-19 crisis escalates even further. We again appeal to the authorities; please embrace everyone in this fight on behalf of all the people. It is evident that something is lacking in the management approaches of our leaders at this crucial period, and their seeming indecisiveness should worry citizens.

APP is ready and we remain committed to work with a broad-based team which is willing to put the country first in the fight against COVID-19.

The Media Communications and Strategy Team.