Address your email to Mr., Ms. or Honourable (if your MP is a cabinet minister) and your MP's Last Name. Emails should be sent to their constituency office (first name.last name@parl.gc.ca). Here is a link to a <u>list of all MPs</u> with their email and contact information. Letters can be mailed postage-free, if addressed to: House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A6.

Send copies of your email or letter to: Prime Minister Trudeau (<u>justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca</u>); Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Freeland (<u>chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca</u>); President of the Treasury Anand (<u>anita.anand@parl.gc.ca</u>); and Minister of Health Holland (<u>mark.holland@parl.gc.ca</u>). Please send copies to <u>Senators</u> from your province. And please send a copy to us at Coalition Canada so we know you have taken action and who you have written to: <u>basicincomecoalition@gmail.com</u>.

Re: An update on a Basic Income Guarantee for Canada - and a request

Dear (Mr., Ms. or Honourable + MP's last name)

Support for a federal Basic Income Guarantee is growing. Did you know that all political parties in PEI support a basic income guarantee that would create an income floor beneath the feet of all Islanders?

In 2020, the Government of PEI accepted the <u>recommendations</u> of its Special Committee on Poverty to create a basic income guarantee for PEI in collaboration with the federal government. In 2022, all parties in the Legislature reaffirmed their support. In November 2023, an expert team released its report, <u>A Proposal for a Guaranteed Basic Income for PEI</u>, answering many of the concerns related to such a benefit.

In 2024, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Family, Children and Social Development, in collaboration with the Honourable Barbara Ramsey, PEI's Minister of Social Development and Seniors, established a federal/provincial working group to study the data and administrative structure of a 5 to 7-year Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) demonstration project for PEI.

I am writing to ask you to raise an important question in the House of Commons, asking for an update on this important Working Group, and to please let me know the results of your enquiry.

A demonstration program such as this is an affordable and practical way to test the impacts and outcomes of a basic income guarantee in real time. Federal and provincial governments will then know what works when designing and implementing a basic income guarantee for all Canadians.

We need innovative solutions to address growing and ongoing crises in our society - in our economy (affordability, food insecurity and housing), healthcare (mental illness and addiction), labour markets (AI and other technological advancements) and climate change (wildfires and floods) that can decimate lives and livelihoods. A guaranteed basic income is one solution that provides income security sufficient to prevent people from falling into poverty, helping them to meet their own challenges and needs when they and their families are in crisis. An income guarantee will also reduce the need for government to improvise solutions to economic, environmental, and health crises as they arise.

Canadians need the stability of an income floor provided by a basic income guarantee as we face a rapidly changing world.

Thank you for raising this important question in the House.

Yours sincerely,

(Your name, address and postal code