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

Re: Request for an update on the federal/provincial (PEI) Working Group established to study the proposals in a recent [report](#) that describes a feasible and affordable Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) island-wide demonstration project in PEI.

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

In 2024, the Honourable Jenna Sudds and the Honourable Barbara Ramsay (PEI) created a Working Group to study the proposal and establishment of a 5- to 7-year GBI demonstration project in PEI.

I am writing to ask you to raise an important question in the House of Commons: a request for an update on the status of the Working Group.

A demonstration program such as this is an affordable and practical way to test the impacts, outcomes and design considerations of a guaranteed basic income. At the same time, it would be possible to simulate the cost and administrative implications of evolving the current income assistance system (welfare) to one which brings everyone out of poverty in a consistent and non-punitive manner. **Such a comparison would allow you to answer the question: what is the best way to alleviate poverty and ensure no one is left behind in Canada?** This is important because our current income assistance system is insufficient and administratively intrusive and demeaning.

The Government is not on track to fulfill the commitments and goals in its [Poverty Reduction Strategy](#) nor as a signatory to the [UN Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). Poverty impacts not only the lives of those living in poverty but also our broader economic and social resiliency. We need to do the work to find the best possible way to end poverty in Canada. The window has been

opened to allow this work to be done. Let's keep it open. Please ask for an update on the status of the Working Group.

Sincerely,

(Your name, address, postal code)