## Letter to Liberal MPs.

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

I am writing to ask you to help secure the funding and the resources for the Federal/PEI Working Group to establish a 5- to 7-year demonstration project in PEI and to put a Guaranteed Basic Income in your party platform. This work is vitally important. We need to determine the most economically feasible way of helping individuals and businesses during volatile and insecure times.

The Liberal Government has enacted many programs that are helping those most in need: CCB, Pharmacare, Dental Care, support for school lunches and day care. Importantly, your government has also taken the visionary step of establishing a Federal/Provincial (PEI) Working Group to study establishing a 5-7 year demonstration project for Guaranteed Basic Income in PEI, based on the report A Proposal for a Guaranteed Basic Income for PEI.

Pandemics, climate crises, affordability crises, and now trade and tariff volatility. We need to stop reacting to events and put in place a flexible, effective and feasible income support system. The PEI project can help us do that--but without securing its funding and resources, the working group will not survive the coming election.

The current system is not allowing the federal government to meet its poverty reduction and income security goals. The PEI demonstration project provides an evidence-based path to this end. The PEI report estimates the impact and cost of a GBI: poverty rates are reduced from 9.7% to 2.1% with no one living in deep poverty, while cutting the cost of a GBI by 40% relative to PBO estimates. We have no comparable estimates for what it would cost to scale up and modify the existing federal and provincial social programs to achieve the federal poverty reduction targets. A demonstration project in PEI would study the community impacts of a GBI as well as federal and

provincial administrative interactions. It would then be possible to answer the question: what is the most socially and economically feasible way to address income insecurity in Canada – with actual evidence. It could provide the structure for ensuring individuals and businesses are protected from future economic uncertainties.

Time is running out. We need to find a proactive way to support the livelihoods of Canadians. Show your support for the Working Group by securing its funding and its resources now and put a Guaranteed Basic Income on your party's platform.

(Your name, address, postal code)