

Draft Letter to your Candidates

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Subject: Canadians need a Basic Income Guarantee – NOW!

Dear: (Mr./Ms.) Name of your candidate:

I live in your riding, and I want you to know that I think it is important that the Government of Canada renew our social safety net for the 21st Century. Working-age adults (18-64), regardless of their work status, **need BOTH income security AND access to social supports and services** that meet their unique challenges and vulnerabilities.

The tariff war with the US and China is impacting every business and industry sector across the Canadian economy and President Trump threatens our very sovereignty. We can no longer create more and more highly targeted programs that help some and leave others falling through the cracks. We must finally recognize that our current patchwork of income and social assistance programs is not meeting federal poverty reduction or income security goals.

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? Prince Edward Island has already been in discussions with the federal government to develop and implement their proposal for a [Guaranteed Basic Income \(GBI\) for PEI \(2023\)](#).

The PEI proposal estimates the impact and cost of their GBI model, suggesting that poverty rates can be reduced from 9.7% to 2.1% with no one living in deep poverty, while cutting the gross cost of a GBI by 40% using a different definition of the family unit – the census family rather than the nuclear family. Following the PEI example, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) provided an [Update \(February 2025\)](#) to their 2021 analysis of a basic income and found comparable results using the economic family, a definition of the family unit similar to the one used in the PEI proposal.

Given the ongoing crises we are facing of affordability, food insecurity, housing, health, climate, and now widespread job loss and income insecurity – we are facing the most consequential threats to our country since the pandemic. We must renew our social safety net, in collaboration with provinces and territories, **to include a basic income guarantee for working age adults (18-64) to provide income security for everyone who needs it, when they need it.**

Sincerely,

(Your name, address and postal code)