

## Draft letter to your newly elected politician

### Subject: My concern about income insecurity and the solution – a Guaranteed Basic Income

Dear: (Mr./Ms./Mx/ or Minister/Prime Minister or Premier) Last Name,

I am writing to express my growing concern about income insecurity and the rising cost of living in our community. Many of my neighbours, friends, and family are struggling to afford basic needs such as housing, food, and transportation.

*[You may wish to include a brief personal example or story to help illustrate this concern.]*

Our current patchwork of income assistance programs is not meeting federal or provincial goals for reducing poverty and improving income security. The tariff war is affecting businesses and industries across Canada. We can no longer rely on creating narrowly targeted programs that help some people while leaving others behind.

*[Consider adding one of these sentences to recognize the important role they and their party have in addressing your concern:*

- **Liberal Party:** With the government laser focused on building a resilient, productive economy, we are in danger of losing sight of the growing urgent need to address income insecurity and poverty in Canada, which affects not only individuals, but our communities, our society and our economy.
- **Conservative Party:** Current income support programs are costly to administer, often dysfunctional and paternalistic, and they keep many of their recipients (and their children) perpetually living in poverty and dependent on government assistance.
- **NDP or Green Party:** The [name of party] plays a critical role in this new government, working on behalf of people and the planet.

Across Canada and in BC, [numerous municipalities have passed resolutions](#) in support of a **basic income guarantee**, including the [Union of BC Municipalities](#) (EB14, p. 41, 2022) and the City of Victoria's [Community Safety and Wellness Plan](#), which includes a call for a basic income, highlighting the growing recognition of its urgency for local communities.

**I believe it is important for provincial and federal governments to work together to modernize our social safety net for the 21st century. Low-income adults, whether they are working or not, need both reliable income security AND access to social supports and services that address their unique challenges.**

Prince Edward Island is already working with the federal government on a [Guaranteed Basic Income \(GBI\) proposal](#). Their model shows that poverty rates could drop from 9.7% to 2.1%, with no one living in deep poverty. It also projects a 40% reduction in gross costs compared to earlier basic income models, with minimal impact on labour supply (-1.6%). The benefits of the PEI proposal and how it aligns with government priorities is briefly explained [here](#). Building on PEI's work, the [Parliamentary Budget Office](#) released an updated analysis in February 2025 showing similar results for a national model.

With the ongoing crises of affordability, housing, and climate disasters, BC is facing some of its most serious economic challenges since the pandemic. I urge the government to begin serious discussions to create a social safety net that ensures income security for everyone, when they need it.

**I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you** to share my concerns about growing income insecurity and to hear your thoughts on PEI's new and innovative Guaranteed Basic Income Proposal.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to representing our community.

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Sincerely,

(Your name, address and postal code)