

Thank you for writing and sharing your interest to tackle poverty in Canada. I wanted to let you know that your feedback is important to the work New Democrats are doing to build a more equitable society for all.

All Canadians deserve to live a life with security and dignity. Like you, New Democrats believe a living wage can help. That's why we support [the work of NDP MP Leah Gazan](#) and her legislation, [Bill C-223](#), that calls for a National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income Act to advance this initiative.

Bill C-223 would realize a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (GLBI) for all people living in Canada over the age of 17. Specifically, the legislation recommends making the program nimble enough to consider regional differences in the cost of living and ensuring that the implementation would not result in clawbacks to services or benefits meant to meet an individual's exceptional needs related to their health or disability.

Check out Leah's work here: <https://www.leahgazan.ca/basicincome>

We need bold leadership to create meaningful change. But there was simply no plan to fix the big challenges we face — like making sure kids can get their teeth fixed, that everyone has access to the medications they need and can afford a place to call home. That's why we fought to get the government to do more for Canadians. We emerged with both a concrete plan and the courage to make it happen! I invite you to check out the details of our plan here: [Delivering for Canadians Now](#).

New Democrats know that paying for improved income programs is doable when we make better choices. A good start is to close tax loopholes and offshore tax havens to make sure the super-wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share of taxes. We'll continue to push for a [fairer tax system](#) so Canadians can have the proper support they need to get by, and no one is left behind.

The growth of inequality, insecurity, and poverty is making it harder for all levels of government to sustain the costs to our economy. Both individuals and communities have limited resources to deal with the consequences of these crushing problems. That's why enacting a basic income program will help to achieve better outcomes when tackling physical and mental illnesses, societal unrest, gun violence, homelessness, and food insecurity.

In the weeks and months ahead, you can count on New Democrats to be front and centre in the fight against inequality and income insecurity. We're determined to fight for the things that will make a difference to you, your family, and your community.

Our priorities include:

- Ensuring everyone can have an [affordable and safe](#) place to live
- Holding the Liberals to our agreement to [expand our health care system to finally include dental care and pharmacare](#)
- Keeping fighting against the Liberals' unfair decision to give a 10% increase to the OAS pension only to seniors aged 75 and older

- Supporting consumers' access to mandatory, universal low-cost Internet/wireless plans by challenging big telecoms' hold on this essential service
- Bringing about federal action on [affordability and accessibility of post-secondary education](#)
- Supporting a refundable Canada Caregiver Tax Credit
- Reducing the [high cost of cell and internet bills](#).

Thank you again for taking the time to be in touch. We're stronger when we work together to make life better for everyone.

Best regards,

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