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All-Party Anti-Poverty Caucus Advances Guaranteed Livable Income as Part of Economic Recovery for All

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OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021—This week, the All-Party Anti-Poverty Caucus joined together, across the country and across the aisles of both chambers, to consider how to move forward toward *Economic Recovery for All*. Central to discussions was the common commitment to moving forward with guaranteed livable income, in coming budgets and other parliamentary and intergovernmental initiatives.

At a time when those in need of assistance as well as those providing it find themselves in increasingly dire economic straits, parliamentarians [across](#) parties and Senate groups attended the discussion to examine the need to address glaring gaps in Canada's social and economic safety net exposed during the pandemic. Integral to this is the role of a national guaranteed livable income in ensuring that Canadians are able to rebound out of poverty during the successive waves of COVID-19 and beyond. Despite partisan differences, there is a common resolve to address poverty that is not a matter of partisan division and all caucus members are concerned about the one in ten people who are struggling in poverty in Canada.

The brainchild of former Senator Art Eggleton, the All-Party Anti-Poverty Caucus has been meeting several times each year since it was formed in 2012 to bring together parliamentarians, organizations, and community leaders to identify concrete solutions to end poverty.

Since the onset of the pandemic and the success of measures like the Canada Emergency Response Benefit in providing vital income support, the Caucus has turned its attention to those most in need who have too often fallen through the cracks of emergency and every-day support measures and has advanced a common commitment to supporting increasing calls that the federal government move forward with provinces, territories and Indigenous Peoples to implement guaranteed livable income initiatives.

- Recording of event: https://sencan-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/evan2_cathcart_sen_parl_gc_ca/EZTagVshARJDURb0hUw7-UBnultYDNHB1ApGWq4nXt9zw?e=0xECpJ
- Perspectives document on guaranteed livable basic income: https://sencanada.ca/media/366776/senpate_glibi-perspective-document_10-05-2020_e.pdf
- Annotated bibliography on guaranteed livable basic income [attached]
- Senator Pate’s speech on the fall economic statement: <https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/pate-kim/interventions/551310/23#hid>
- Senator Galvez’s white paper on economic recovery: <https://rosagalvez.ca/en-clean-and-just-recovery/>
- Updated federal cabinet mandate letters: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/mandate-letters>
- Article on long-term care workers living in shelters: <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/working-in-long-term-care-by-day-sleeping-in-a-shelter-by-night-the-economic-realities-of-life-as-a-psw>
- Basic income initiatives and coalition work: <https://www.basicincomecanada.org/>; https://www.obin.ca/case_for_bi_series; <https://basicincomecoalition.ca/en/actions/lobby-day/>
- PEI special committee on poverty report calling for guaranteed livable basic income: <https://docs.assembly.pe.ca/download/dms?objectId=ebb58bb4-b7db-43b9-9c69-fa59f27aac51&fileName=FINAL%20REPORT%20-%20Special%20Committee%20on%20Poverty%20in%20PEI%20-%20November%2027,%202020.pdf>
- Royal Society of Canada “Renewing the Social Contract: Economic Recovery in Canada from COVID-19”: https://rsc-src.ca/sites/default/files/Econ%20PB_EN_3.pdf
- PBO costing of guaranteed livable basic income (c.f. CERB costs of \$81.6 billion): <https://www.pbo-dpb.gc.ca/en/blog/news/BLOG-2021-004--update-five-year-cost-estimate-guaranteed-basic-income--mise-jour-estimation-cinq-ans-cout-revenu-base-garanti>
- Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis report on economic effects of guaranteed livable basic income: <https://www.cancea.ca/sites/economic-analysis.ca/files/ubi/Potential%20Impacts%20and%20Reach%20of%20Basic%20Income%20Programs%2020201203%20FINAL.pdf>

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