

**The United Church of Canada GLI Volunteer Network-  
the Atlantic Region**

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To: Members of Senate Committee to Study Bill S-206, “An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income”: Senators Carignan; Forest; Cardozo; Dalphond; Galvez; Gignac; Hebert; Kingston; Macadam; Marshall; Ross.

Dear Senators:

We commend the Senators of Canada for advancing Bill S-296 to the Senate Standing Committee on National Finance for study. This is hopeful news given the fact that poverty in Canada has retreated to pre-pandemic level, and Canadians are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet daily. Bill S-206 that is before you offers one of the most credible ways of addressing that poverty. At a recent meeting in Moncton, N.B., The National Farmers Union of Canada passed a resolution calling on the Federal Government to initiate a 10-year pilot Basic Income program because most Canadian farmers are living on the margins and their very livelihood is at risk. Recently, the Basic Income Youth Collective-a grassroots network of young people organizing for economic justice, called for a Basic Income to respond to the growing levels of poverty in Canada. The momentum for a Guaranteed Livable Income is growing. An increasing number of municipalities in the Atlantic Region and across Canada have passed resolutions in support of a GLI. Your committee’s work on Bill S-206 is thus vitally important to millions of Canadians.

When your committee makes a strong recommendation for a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income, you will, therefore, be of the same mind as most Canadians that:

- every resident in Canada should have access to a livable basic income;
- that lack of income should not affect health conditions, educational opportunities and access to food, housing, clothing and participating productively in society;
- lack of income is a social determinant to physical and mental health, crime and other factors contributing to wholeness of life;
- our whole country benefits economically, ethically and socially when 'all' residents have income security and contribute to community as they are able.

**Research has already shown that a guaranteed livable basic income is feasible and affordable.**

We thank you for your commitment to this life-giving matter and would urge you to keep the well-being of all Canadians to the fore as you fulfil your mandate, noting that Bill S-206 calls for a 'national framework' with further questions and discussed detail to occur in its implementation.

Yours Sincerely

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