

We need a fully funded Canada Disability Benefit. Now.

It's time to address food insecurity and poverty in Canada.

Canadians are facing an affordability crisis. People with disabilities are disproportionately impacted — they are **twice as likely** to be living in poverty as those without disabilities.

One in seven people who access food banks in Canada rely on provincial disability income supports. Can you imagine trying to live a life of dignity on an average of \$1,500 or less per month?

Food is a human right. Yet people with disabilities are regularly forced to choose between their most basic necessities, like rent, transportation, medication, and food. This **has** to change.

Parliament unanimously passed Bill C-22: the Canada Disability Benefit Act, which commits the federal government to creating a new income support to reduce poverty among low-income, working-age Canadians with disabilities.

Now, the government needs to work **with** the disability community to co-design a robust Canada Disability Benefit in Federal Budget 2024. The benefit **must**:

- Be **fully funded** to lift people with disabilities out of poverty
- Be barrier-free and inclusive of people with **all types** of disabilities
- **Supplement** existing disability supports and be **safe** from all clawbacks

We have to do this right — **right now** — to support the nearly **one million working-age people with disabilities living in poverty in Canada**.

Canadians with disabilities can't afford to wait, and neither can our country.

Sincerely,



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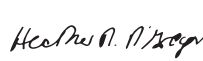
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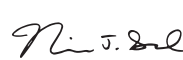
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