

Letter of Support for National Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income in Canada

To Mayor and Councillors, City of Guelph.

On behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women Guelph (CFUW Guelph) this letter is to support the implementation of a national guaranteed liveable basic income in Canada.

The reasons for our support are:

Economic Stability: A basic income can help to stabilize the economy, especially in times of crisis. It would support consumer spending and promote consistent growth in the economy.

Reduction in Poverty: By ensuring a guaranteed income, we would significantly reduce and alleviate poverty and homelessness which would lead to an overall improved quality of life for countless Canadians and their families.

Management Efficiency: A livable income program could replace various social assistance programs, leading to increased administrative efficiency.

Promotion of Entrepreneurship: With the security of a basic income, more Canadians could be encouraged to take advantage of entrepreneurial opportunities and pursue post-secondary learning and programs leading to job creation and economic diversification.

Improved Mental & Physical Health: A more financially secure lifestyle is linked to reduced stress, better mental well-being and healthier life choices.

Upholding Dignity: Everyone deserves a life free of financial despair. A livable income can help to ensure this and preserve the dignity and value of every Canadian.

It is time to take decisive action to bring about this necessary change. We urge government policymakers, and the public to recognize the multiple benefits of a guaranteed liveable basic income.

Yours sincerely,

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