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Leah Gazan MP, Winnipeg Centre
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Dear Ms. Gazan,

I write to you in support of Motion 46, a motion to convert the Canada Emergency Response Benefit into a permanent Guaranteed Livable Basic Income. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected vulnerable people the hardest and exacerbated many of the hardships that Metis, Inuit, and First Nation peoples face. High levels of poverty, lack of economic opportunity and poor access to healthcare services and personal protective equipment are some of the problems that many Indigenous communities are grappling with. The current services and policies fail to provide the necessary support and continue to perpetuate the marginalization of Indigenous people in Canada. The introduction of a permanent Guaranteed Livable Basic Income would be an important first step towards lessening some of these problems while advancing reconciliation.

During these times of crisis and uncertainty many are falling through the cracks of society: it is extremely important that government work towards long term solutions that will help those most in need. Guaranteed Livable Basic Income has the potential to alleviate poverty and provide greater economic security to all persons in Canada. As such, I support Motion 46 and future motions which would replace the Canada Emergency Response Benefit with a permanent Guaranteed Livable Basic Income.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Senator Yvonne Boyer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer, JD, LLM, LLD