

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT

Whereas:

- Individuals with disabilities frequently encounter challenges securing and maintaining employment, in addition to experiencing increased healthcare and housing expenses;
- People with disabilities (22 percent of the population) make up 41 percent of Canadians living in poverty;
- Current federal, provincial, and territorial disability support programs lack adequate support, posing a serious threat to the lives and health of people with disabilities nationwide;
- The Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) was promised by the government in the 2020 Throne Speech and again in the 2021 Liberal Party platform, as a new benefit meant to reduce poverty for persons with disabilities in the same manner as the Guaranteed Income Supplement;
- The proposed CDB outlined in Budget 2024 is not what the disability community called for, falls short of the expectation set by the government, and does not address the needs of the disability community;
- The proposed maximum of \$200/month is insufficient to alleviate poverty among people with disabilities;
- The Canada Disability Act requires the CDB to have “an application process without barriers”
- The proposed CDB in Budget 2024 restricts eligibility to individuals receiving the Disability Tax Credit (DTC), which is known for its burdensome application process and long delays in application processing; and
- Canada signed on to the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons in 2010.

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

1. Fund the Canada Disability Benefit adequately to lift all Canadians with disabilities above the poverty line, and deliver it with the same urgency employed when it came to pandemic measures like the CERB;
2. Ensure Canadians with disabilities who are already recipients of provincial and territorial disability support programs are automatically enrolled to receive the CDB when they file their taxes;
3. Strike down the use of the DTC to determine eligibility, to comply with the Canada Disability Act;
4. Ensure the CDB is tied to an individual's income and not to household income;
5. Provide back payment to eligible CDB recipients covering the time from when the Canada Disability Benefit Act received Royal Assent in June 2023 to the date on which CDB payments commence; and
6. Protect other benefits from being clawed back by private insurance and other levels of government.

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3. Strike down the use of the DTC to determine eligibility, complying with Section 11 (1) (f) of the Canada Disability Act;
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6. Ensure the CDB protects recipients from having their benefits clawed back by private insurance and sign agreements with provinces and territories that protects recipients from claw backs by other levels of government.

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Petition Guidelines

1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
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