

PETITION TO GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CONCERNING A NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY PLAN

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- 250,000 people have no home in Canada and most shelters are at maximum capacity;
- food bank usage has increased by 25 percent since 2008, and children and youth now represent 30 percent of food bank users; and
- despite multiple calls for the development of a national poverty plan by the United Nations, the Senate, and a House of Commons Standing Committee, Canada still does not have a national anti-poverty plan.

We, the undersigned, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- work with the provinces and territories to implement an anti-poverty plan based in human rights that focuses on income security, housing and homelessness, health, food security, early childhood education and care, and jobs and employment; and
- work with partners to establish measurable goals, timelines, indicators of progress, and ensure ongoing improvement of the anti-poverty plan and underlying strategies.

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