<<FirstName LastName, Member of Parliament for Constituency>>

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Dear <<Mr./Ms. Last Name,>>

On Sunday, 3 May 2020, the Prime Minister’s office received “An Open Letter on Guaranteed Basic Income”, signed by over 40 bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. It is the hope of these churches, expressed by their leadership in this letter, that the Government of Canada will draft and pass legislation creating a Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) for all people who live on this land.

I am writing today, as your constituent, to urge you to support the creation and implementation of such legislation.

Every political party in Canada has made promises and commitments to address poverty, education, health care, and social justice. These issues are important to me as a Canadian citizen and as a person of faith. The studies cited in the letter demonstrate that GBI is an affordable, effective way to address many of these concerns with one strategy.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has revealed many of the places in which our social welfare nets are insufficient. These insufficiencies already existed, but the challenges of a global health crisis have magnified them and made them much clearer than ever before. This revelation of areas where we could do so much more to help one another should not be seen as an indictment of our current systems, but as an opportunity to improve how we care for and support one another.

Implementation of a GBI program in Canada is our opportunity to create a legacy that will better the lives of everyone in this country for generations to come.

Thank you for your commitments in the past to bettering the lives of all who live in Canada. Will you now take this opportunity to work toward a federal GBI program which represents a concrete step toward fulfilling those commitments? Please do so.

Sincerely,

<<Your name>>

<<Your street address>>

<<Your City, Province, Postal Code>>