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Disability Alliance BC

Via email: helaine@disabilityalliancebc.org

Dear Helaine Boyd,

On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

The Liberal Party of Canada believes disability inclusion benefits everyone. When Canadians with disabilities have equal opportunities to contribute to their communities, to have the same quality of service from their government, to work, and to enjoy the same quality of life and choices as everyone else, we build a stronger country.

This is why a re-elected Liberal government would continue working to develop and implement a new Disability Benefit. It was the Liberal government that first introduced the proposal and tabled Bill C-35, setting out the framework for the creation of the Canada Disability Benefit, a direct monthly payment to low-income Canadians with disabilities ages 18-64. A re-elected Liberal government would reintroduce this legislation, while modelling it after the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). The Disability Benefit would reduce poverty among persons with disabilities in the same manner as the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Canada Child Benefit. These benefits will be designed in consultation with persons with disabilities and negotiated with provinces and territories to ensure that these new benefits do not affect other provincial/territorial supports. As one of our first steps following the announcement of the Benefit in 2021, the Liberal government met with provinces and territories, outlining our position that a new Canada Disability Benefit should not result in a reduction in other provincial or territorial supports.

The Canada Disability Benefit builds off of other work we have done over the past 6 years including important changes to improve access to the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) and the expansion of the Disability Tax Credit.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you. If you would like more information on the Liberal Party of Canada's commitment to disability inclusion you can review our disability statement here: [Disability Statement | Liberal Party of Canada](#).

Sincerely,

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