

TAKE ACTION THROUGH LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGNS

On October 17th, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the PMR GLI Working Group launched a letter writing campaign at both the municipal and provincial governance levels. The aim of this campaign is to demonstrate a critical mass of individuals, families and communities of faith, who advocate strongly for a GLI Program to be incorporated in anti-poverty strategies at the provincial/territorial and national levels of governance in Canada. Letter writing campaigns are most effective when followed up by visits to your representatives; ask for a meeting in your letter. Bring others with you, representatives from your Community of Faith or Justice Group, collaborate with other justice and anti-poverty advocacy groups in your community and ask them to join you.

For all letters send via email, please copy takeaction@united-church.ca so our national GLI Working Group can keep track of our efforts.

Municipal Letter Writing Campaign:

Write to your municipal government, mayor, and/or municipal councillors to ask them to advocate as a municipality to the provincial/territorial level for the implementation of a GLI Program. Municipal and City governments can write and pass a resolution as a way to commit to advocating for GLI on a regular basis. In your letter, request a meeting with your mayor and or councillors, ask that they put a GLI resolution on the agenda for an upcoming council meeting, and/or attend council meetings to encourage the mayor and/or councillors toward GLI advocacy. For more organizing information and sample resolutions to support this process, you can download the [Municipal Campaign Strategy: United church Guaranteed Livable Income Network](#)

You can use these sample letters as a starting point:

[GLI Municipal Sample Letter – BC](#)

[GLI Municipal Sample Letter - Yukon](#)

Provincial/Territorial Letter Writing Campaign:

As an individual, a committee or an entire Community of Faith, write a letter, an email, or make a phone call to the members of your Legislative Assembly advocating for the implementation of a Guaranteed Livable Income program in BC and/or Yukon. Ask your representatives for a meeting to discuss the importance of Anti-Poverty action and legislation in your community. Provincial and Territorial Governments have the jurisdictional ability to implement GLI programs and demonstration projects, as well as advocate to the federal level for the implementation of a National GLI Program.

You can use these sample letters as a starting point:

[GLI MLA Sample Letter – BC](#)

[GLI MLA Sample Letter – Yukon](#)

You may also want to write a letter to the Provincial/Territorial Minister in charge of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. You may use Rev. Barry Morris' letter as an example, and you may also include Rev. Dr. Kendra Mitchell-Foster's letter with your letters as a show of regional support for the initiative.

[Rev. Barry Morris – Letter to Hon. Sheila Malcomson, BC Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction](#)

[Pacific Mountain Region – Letter to Hon. Sheila Malcomson, BC Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction](#)

Testimonials can also be very useful in conveying personal experiences of the seriousness of this issue. Including testimonials from people at the front lines of this crisis, and those who are living under the oppression of poverty is an important way to amplify their voices and make them heard. You may use Shirley Baker's testimonial from Ladner United Church as inspiration.

[Shirley Baker – GLI Testimonial](#)

Senate Letter Writing Campaign in Support of Bill S-206:

Senator Kim Pate's bill S-206, a [National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income Act](#), completed its second reading on Thursday, November 6, 2025, and is now at consideration in committee in the Senate. We must continue to use this window of opportunity to impress upon the senators of the [Standing Senate Committee on National Finance](#) how very important it is for Bill S-206 to pass, and for the Federal Government of Canada to take this crucial step toward eradicating poverty in Canada.

Write a letter to these senators on behalf of your Community of Faith, your justice group, or an individual letter; the more letters the better!

Sen. Claude Carignan claude.carignan@sen.parl.gc.ca

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Sen. Krista Ross

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Resources to support your Bill S-260 Senate Letter Writing Campaign:

[A sample letter to the Senator on the Standing Senate Committee for National Finance](#)

The text of [Bill S-206](#)

The video of the [Second Reading Speech made by Sen. Kim Pate](#), with the text of the speech [here](#)

[UBI Works info page regarding Bill S-206](#)

[Guaranteed Livable Basic Income could cut poverty rates by 40%](#) - News release from Sen. Kim Pate