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Dear Mayor Breen:

Thank you for writing to me and for sharing your comments regarding the need for a permanent Basic Income Guarantee to ensure all individuals, families, communities, especially the vulnerable among others, can meet their respective needs and be an active part of rebuilding our country.

Even as inflation continues to retreat in the months to come, we know that this continues to be a difficult time for a lot of Canadians. As we emerge from the pandemic, we are being fiscally responsible, while also delivering compassionate and targeted support. Since 2015, making life more affordable has been our government's primary goal. That's why the 2022 Fall Economic Statement includes new, targeted cost of living support measures to make life more affordable for the Canadians most affected by rising prices. These important measures include:

- Eliminating Interest on Student Loans;
- Lowering Credit Card Transaction Fees for Small Businesses;
- Doubling the Goods and Services (GST) Tax Credit for Six Months;
- A \$500 Top-Up to the Canada housing Benefit;
- A \$1300 Canada Dental Benefit for low-income kids under 12; and
- A new, quarterly Canada Workers Benefit.

Our government will continue to be there for the Canadians who need it most with support that has been carefully designed to avoid making inflation worse. We will get through this challenging economic moment and when we do, we will be ready to seize a generational opportunity, to build an economy that works for everyone, and ensure nobody gets left behind.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write. Please accept my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Danny Breen
Mayor
City of St. John's