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Ms. Leah Gazan
Member of Parliament
Winnipeg Centre
House of Commons *
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada

Dear Ms. Gazan:

RE: Private Member's Motion M-46: Guaranteed Livable Basic Income

The Manitoba Public Health Association is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose purpose is to enhance the health and well-being of the Manitoba population through influencing policy and decision-making.

Based on our mission we are writing in support of Private Member's Motion M-46. We congratulate you for urging the conversion of the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit into a guaranteed livable basic income. We urge all members of the House of Commons to support this motion, and we urge the government to adopt it.

We understand that a guaranteed livable basic income would constitute a right enjoyed by all members of the Canadian community to have their basic needs met independent of any conditions. As such, it will improve the health, sense of security and quality of life of all Canadians and residents.

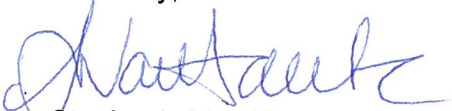
We know that people who live on low incomes experience worse health outcomes because of differences in historic and current access to power and resources. In particular, Indigenous People, People of Color, and persons with disabilities experience disproportionate rates of low income, precarious under employment, and discrimination within housing, education and health systems.

We support basic income because of significant and emergent evidence that it will improve population health through enhancing economic security.¹

Our association is guided by our vision: communities rooted in equity, growing in balance. A guaranteed livable income would enhance equity by establishing a floor below which no community member would be allowed to fall.

We look forward to hearing about the progress of this motion.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Van Haute
President

¹ Sircar, N. R., & Friedman, E. A. (2018). Financial security and public health: how basic income & cash transfers can promote health. *Global Public Health*, 13(12), 1878-1888.