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START ENDING IT.

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Isn't Basic Income good? It could be if the income levels are adequate, and if everyone gets the payment and if it isn't used as a way to cut social programs and infrastructure. But that's not the version the Liberals and other governments focused on social cutbacks plan to implement. The Liberal's basic income reduces leaves poor people worse off, turning the (already inadequate) social safety net into a tightrope. Meanwhile they continue to use the study as another excuse to delay action on raising social assistance rates.

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What should the government do? Immediately raise social assistance rates to the Basic Income Pilot rates. The government recognizes that the rates are way too low which is why the Pilot rates are 75% of the low income measure. We all need that rate, not a tiny percentage of us. *We demand it now!*

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