

February 9th

Dear Senator Pate,

On behalf of the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC), I write to express our strong support for Bill S-206, *An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income*, which you have so ably introduced and championed in the Senate. We commend your leadership and unwavering commitment to advancing this vital measure.

For over a century, the NCWC has advocated for equality and social justice for women, families, and communities across Canada. Since adopting [Policy 2016.01EI, Support for a Basic Income Guarantee](#), our organization has called for a national approach that ensures every person has access to a basic, dignified level of income security.

While we recognize that a *living wage* and a *basic income* differ in design, both share a common goal—to ensure that all individuals and families can meet their essential needs and live with dignity. Your leadership on Bill S-206 reflects this shared vision of a Canada where no one is left behind.

Evidence from pilot programs and existing federal supports such as Old Age Security and the Canada Child Benefit continues to demonstrate the positive impact of direct income measures in reducing poverty and strengthening communities. Bill S-206 builds on these lessons and lays the groundwork for a fairer and more resilient society.

The NCWC urges continued cross-sector collaboration and swift movement toward the adoption of a guaranteed livable basic income that upholds the right of every person in Canada to live with dignity.

We thank you, Senator Pate, for your tireless advocacy and principled leadership. Please count on our continuing support as the bill advances through committee and beyond.

With sincere appreciation and respect,

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To empower all women to work together towards improving the quality of life for women, families, and society through a forum of member organizations and individuals.