

# Disability Without Poverty (DWP)

## Better the Benefit Campaign Background

- 27% of Canadians are disabled.
- 41% of people who live in poverty are disabled.
- 1.5 million disabled people in Canada live in poverty.
- No provincial or territorial disability assistance payment raises people above the poverty line.
- The 2024 Federal Budget allocated \$6.1 billion to be rolled out for the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) over 6 years commencing in July 2025.
- The benefit's maximum is \$200 monthly or \$2,400 annually.
- The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is the eligibility tool.
- The government proposed funding to pay physicians to sign DTC forms - increasing those eligible from the current estimated 300,000 to 600,000 individuals.
- A CDB application is expected to be released in June 2025.

## Call to Action for People with Disabilities

Reach out and talk to elected officials at all levels of government. Schedule a meeting or talk to them at community events. Tell them your concerns about the amount, eligibility, and application process. Ensure there are no clawbacks of any kind.

## Ask your MP

- To increase the amount – the benefit should lift disabled people out of poverty.
- To cut red tape – automatically enrol those already eligible for other disability benefits.
- To ensure there are no clawbacks – the CDB must be a top-up to other income and disability support programs for all levels of government.

**\$200 a month to so few people with disabilities is far below what is needed. We demand better.**