

#BetterTheBenefit

The Challenge

- 1 in 4 Canadians (27%) live with disabilities.
- 1.6 million working-age Canadians with disabilities live in poverty.
- 41% of people in poverty are disabled.
- No provincial or territorial support currently lifts disabled people above the poverty line.

The Canada Disability Benefit (CDB): What's Wrong?

The CDB was supposed to change lives—but major flaws remain:

- Only \$200/month - far below what's needed to lift people out of poverty.
- Restrictive eligibility tied to the Disability Tax Credit (DTC), a complex and difficult process.
- No help for physician fees to complete forms - despite promises.
- Separate application process - adding unnecessary barriers.
- Risk of clawbacks from provincial programs - reducing its impact.

Our 3 Key Asks

We demand a stronger, fairer CDB that actually works. The government must:

- 1. Increase the Amount**
 - \$200/month is not enough. The benefit must lift people out of poverty.
- 2. Cut Red Tape**
 - Automatically enroll those already eligible for disability supports.
 - Simplify the process—no separate applications.
- 3. Stop Clawbacks**
 - No reductions from provincial or federal programs.
 - The CDB must be a true top-up - not a replacement.

\$200/month for so few won't end disability poverty. We need better.