

# Disability Without Poverty (DWP)

## Better the Benefit Campaign Background

- 27% of Canadians are disabled.
- 41% of people who live in poverty are disabled.
- 1.6 million disabled people in Canada live in poverty.
- No provincial or territorial disability assistance payment raises people above the poverty line.
- The benefit's maximum is \$200 monthly or \$2,400 annually.
- The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is the eligibility tool.

## 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.

## Ask your MP

- **To increase the amount:** the benefit should lift disabled people out of poverty.
- **To cut red tape:** automatically enroll those already eligible for other disability benefits.
- **To build accessible,** automatic, and coordinated user-friendly systems.

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