#NoMoreScraps – Policy Backgrounder

Hunger is a policy choice. No more excuses. No more delays. This federal election, we demand #NoMoreScraps.

As part of our campaign, please find below more information on our policy recommendations.

Policy Demands

1. **Cut Food Insecurity in Half by 2030**

We demand that the federal government set a clear target to reduce food insecurity by 50% by 2030. This target will provide focus, drive coordinated action across government departments and agencies, and ensure urgency through a concrete deadline. It will hold the government accountable with measurable progress and ensure resources are allocated effectively to the areas of greatest need. The target must prioritize equity, addressing the needs of the groups most impacted by food insecurity. Furthermore, we call for the establishment of a working group of people with lived experiences and experts in the food security sector and other related fields to guide the development of targeted policies and solutions.

This measure is essential for driving real, impactful and coordinated action against food insecurity.

2. **Ensure Everyone Can Afford the Basics**

We demand that the government ensure everyone can afford the basics by expanding and creating new income supports for workers and people on fixed incomes. This includes applying a racial equity lens to all poverty-reducing policies to ensure they reach the communities most at risk of food insecurity. Specifically, we call for the following policies:

- **Transform the GST/HST Credit into a Groceries and Essentials Benefit (GEB)**:
    - Increase monthly support for adults aged 18 to 64 to $150 ($1,800 annually) and $50 ($600 annually) for children, providing more stable and effective assistance.
    - Target low-income individuals with a reduced income threshold of $24,824 (compared to $42,335 under the current GST/HST credit).
- **Transform the Canada Workers Benefit (CWB) into an Enhanced Canada Working-Age Supplement (CWAS)**:
    - Expand support by removing the employment earnings requirement and increasing the maximum earning limit.

    - This reform will significantly reduce deep poverty, benefiting workers and unemployed individuals facing economic barriers.
- **Expand the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)**:
    - Increase the monthly benefit, broaden eligibility, and ensure automatic enrollment for those already receiving provincial/territorial disability support.
    - Simplify and fast-track the application process, ensuring independence and dignity for people with disabilities.
- **Enhance Employment Insurance (EI)**:
    - Reduce the qualifying hours from 420–700 to 300 for all workers and ensure EI access for self-employed, gig, and migrant workers, as well as those working multiple jobs.
    - Increase benefit rates to 85% for low-wage workers and 75% for others, providing better support during unemployment.

These measures are essential to reducing food insecurity and poverty, ensuring that all Canadians have the means to meet their basic needs.

3. **Uphold Indigenous Food Sovereignty**

Colonial and discriminatory policies have profoundly disrupted Indigenous Peoples' relationships with the land and their traditional food systems. These barriers have hindered the ability of Indigenous Peoples to produce or access food that aligns with their culinary and cultural practices and eroded the vital connection between Indigenous Peoples and the land that sustains them.

We demand that the federal government work in partnership with Indigenous Nations to respect and support Indigenous self-determination, sovereignty, and control over their food systems. This includes protecting Indigenous rights to land-based foods, hunting, fishing, and gathering.

Take Action!

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- Spark conversations about food insecurity in your networks.
- Organize an event in your community to spur action.
- Find more food security information to cast an informed vote.