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Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am writing to give notice, pursuant to Standing Order 52(2), that I will be seeking leave today, Wednesday, November 24, 2021, to propose an emergency debate on the urgent situation facing almost 90,000 of Canada's poorest seniors, many of whom are facing eviction after being disqualified for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), or had their benefit payments significantly reduced, as a result of accessing pandemic income support programs like the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB). Many low-income families likewise find themselves in challenging circumstances as their Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payments were reduced after accessing pandemic benefits.

An Emergency Debate is required in order to allow parliamentarians to bring the stories of those affected to the attention of the government and press the Ministers responsible for these income support programs for a plan to assist these financially vulnerable Canadians before they lose their homes. In many cases, GIS and CCB benefits were reduced as early as July 2021 and the negative impact of those cuts is already being felt.

While the benefits were cut some time ago, the Prime Minister's early election call and long delay in recalling the House has prevented this deplorable situation from getting the airing it deserves in our House of Commons until now and I am therefore raising it at the earliest opportunity.

I trust you will give this request careful consideration.

Sincerely,



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