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Dear Ministers,

It is with dismay and frustration that we find ourselves once again having to write you on the subject of pandemic benefit clawbacks through income support programs like the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

Despite having given the impression of solving the GIS clawback problem in the *Economic and Fiscal Update 2021*, the fact is that no money has flowed to any of the affected seniors and they are running out of time. It appears your government has no intention of delivering any funds before May of this year, but May will simply come too late for some seniors already struggling to survive the Canadian winter on the street. We are aware of many more currently facing eviction proceedings.

A one-time, emergency payment would help avoid needless deaths while your government organizes the larger solution trumpeted in the *Update*. Canadians know that financial assistance can be delivered quickly when the political will exists. We demand that you muster the will at the Cabinet table.

The matter could not be more urgent. A prompt emergency payment will maintain many people in their home and save lives.

We stand ready to assist in expediting this measure in any way we can.

Yours truly,

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