

A PETITION TO TALK ABOUT AND GET PEOPLE TO SIGN !

You have in your hands the text of a petition currently circulating in Quebec at the initiative of the Collective for a Poverty-Free Quebec (Collectif pour un Québec sans pauvreté). The goal is to demonstrate to the National Assembly our common will to make Quebec into a poverty-free society and to get the Assembly to commit itself, in the name of human rights, to act here and now against poverty.



I signed the petition on _____

The Collective for a Poverty-Free Quebec is made up of 32 grassroots, community, union, religious, feminist, student, and cooperative organizations, as well as regional groupings, all over Quebec. People living in poverty have a major place within the organization, the aim of which is to establish, in a pluralistic and non-partisan manner, the necessary conditions for a poverty-free Quebec.

Through its proposed bill for the elimination of poverty and the citizen mobilization which accompanied it, the Collective was behind the continuing public debate that led to the *Act to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion*, unanimously adopted by the National Assembly in December of 2002.



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Petition to the Quebec National Assembly

COMMON MISSION: BUILDING A POVERTY-FREE QUEBEC

In the name of human rights, we, citizens of Quebec, wish to advance towards the goal of a poverty-free Quebec in order to become a society enriched by all of its members.

Together with the Collective for a Poverty-Free Quebec,

WE THEREFORE DEMAND that the National Assembly fulfill the spirit of the Act to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion, making sure that the government take the necessary measures in order that:

- every citizen have access, without discrimination, to quality public services for all;
- the minimum salary be fixed at \$10.16/hour (2007) and be revised annually so that a single person working 40 hours per week will escape poverty;
- social programs be increased and adjusted annually to ensure that everyone have an income at least equal to the market basket measure, i.e. \$13 267 per year (2007), in order to preserve their health and dignity.

Name (please print)

Municipality and/or postal code

Signature

Return before March 31, 2009

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In the name of human rights, we, citizens of Quebec, wish to advance towards the goal of a poverty-free Quebec in order to become a society enriched by all of its members.

Whereas

- hundreds of thousands of us are deprived of the minimal living conditions necessary to develop and participate fully in society;
- hundreds of thousands of us, in the majority women, hold jobs which are so poorly paid that, even when working full time, they cannot escape poverty;
- our public services are deteriorating and are increasingly subject to unreasonable fees and restrictions.

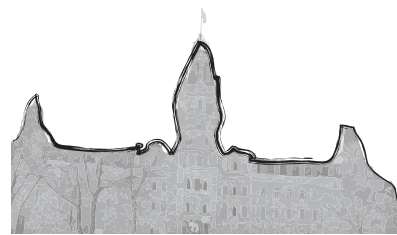
Whereas

- the low income cutoff is fixed at \$21 202 per year (2006) for a single person;
- the market basket measure including basic goods and services is established by Statistics Canada at \$13 267 per year (2007) and the guaranteed annual income for an elderly person is \$13 636 per year (2007);
- a democratic and egalitarian society requires universal public services.

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