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Regaining our Purchasing Power



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Moncton: On December 10, 2019, the United Nations Human Rights Day, the New Brunswick Common Front for Social Justice is mobilizing its members. It wants to remind politicians of the importance of taking concrete actions in order to respect our commitments under the Declaration.

We ask all politicians, without regards to their political affiliations, to help social assistance recipients in the upcoming provincial budget. We are asking them to support an increase in the 2020-2021 Social Development Department Budget in order to adjust all social assistance recipients' basic monthly rates to reflect the loss of their purchasing power due to inflation. The next years, the basic rates should be adjusted for inflation.

“ The situation of citizens living on social assistance is critical. The last increase in the basic rate for the single employable in the Transitional Assistance Program was in 2010 and for all others, was five years ago, in 2014. All of them have lost an important portion of their purchasing power. Our social safety net which protect citizens is unravelling. Thousands of men, women and children have already fallen through the gaping holes,” says Pauline Gallant, labour co-chair.

“ We have sent a letter (attachment) to all MLA's to explain the present situation. Our members have or will meet a number of Members of the Legislative Assembly in the ridings of Moncton, Saint John, Grand Sault, Tracadie and Chaleur, this week. All leaders of the five political parties will be contacted. Lastly, we are asking different communities and labour organizations to support our demand.” says Jean-Claude Basque, provincial coordinator.

For the Common Front it is high time to take action and help the most vulnerable in our society as promise when Canada signed the Declaration of human rights.

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