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To: New Brunswick Members of Parliament

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Honorable Members,

The New Brunswick Common Front for Social Justice wishes to express its support for the leadership you all have showed in the present crisis. We understand that you are under tremendous pressure to put in place concrete measures to keep citizens safe. We commend you for your dedication and would like to help you in addressing the impacts of the present pandemic on key issues.

The corona virus pandemic is certainly affecting every citizen in our province but **the severity of its impact is felt most severely by low-income workers and citizens living in poverty in our province.**

The federal government has unveiled concrete financial measures to help workers weather this crisis, but we would like to flag the following.

Workers in seasonal industries

As you are aware, there is a significant number of New Brunswick workers who are depending on seasonal jobs (hospitality industry, tourism, fisheries, forestry, retail, etc.) to accumulate enough hours in order to qualify for Employment Insurance. The present COVID-19 crisis and the direct implications it will have on these sectors of the economy is going to have a negative impact on these workers. Either their job will not be available in the short or medium t, their hours cut.

We urge you to take the necessary steps proposed so that citizens on social assistance are not left out.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Gallant and Johanne Petitpas, co-chair

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cc. MLA's, CF members, Media.

