



GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME 2026 Paper Petition Campaign

Prince Edward Island Pilot Project

The National Council of the SSVP has chosen to support efforts to ask the federal and provincial governments to implement a guaranteed basic income program for citizens living in poverty. A pilot project on Prince Edward Island would be a first step and needs our support.

This issue was presented at the [2025 ANF in Hamilton](#) and at the 2026 ANF in Halifax, where [Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard gave a presentation](#) on how such a program can truly make a difference in the lives of people living in poverty.

The SSVP is collaborating with the Canada Coalition Basic Income to advance this issue quickly. For several years, various organizations on Prince Edward Island have been working together to establish a pilot project in the province. This initiative is gradually gaining the support of provincial and federal elected officials, but much remains to be done to make it a reality. SSVP members across Canada can actively contribute to its realization.

To do so the Basic Income Canada Coalition has launched the [2026 paper petition campaign](#). At the federal level, a paper petition allows you to bring a matter of public interest to the government's attention and ask it to take a specific action.

Paper petitions are particularly effective: only 25 validated signatures are required. Once the signatures have been collected, ask your Member of Parliament to officially present the petition in the House of Commons.

Inviting members, volunteers and beneficiaries of your conference and people you meet in your store to sign the petition also helps raise awareness of how a guaranteed basic income program can make a difference in the lives of people living in poverty as well as in the economy of communities. The Prince Edward Island pilot project could clearly demonstrate this.

By handing the signed petitions to your federal Member of Parliament, you will be able to discuss with them the reasons for supporting a guaranteed basic income program and show them that other members of their community share this support.

If the government receives more than 100 petitions with 25 signatures each, it must respond to them, which shows decisionmakers that this solution is gaining support.

Steps to participate in this campaign:

- Follow the [link to the petition](#) to print.
- Print it and ask your members, clients, and the people you serve to sign it.
- When it is full, give it to your federal Member of Parliament so that they can present it in Ottawa in the House of Commons.
- You can have several petitions filled out.

For more information on Guaranteed Basic Income, consult the [Advocacy BIG Flyer](#) and the [Advocacy page](#).

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