



## Help us push for a new housing benefit

Last week, we released a [new policy proposal for a Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit](#). This benefit would support up to 435,000 Canadians experiencing homelessness or at high risk of becoming homeless through targeted direct rent supplements. We believe this approach is the most effective—and only—way to urgently stop the wave of new homelessness that Canada is experiencing.

Since we launched last week, we've received fantastic [media coverage](#) and thousands of people have taken action by sending their MP and Ministers an email or sharing on social media.

**If you haven't written to your MP, the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Housing and Finance, we encourage you to do so.** They are currently making final decisions on Budget priorities, so we need to send the decision-makers a message now. Adding a personal story or your organization's perspective will make your message more powerful.

[Send a Message](#)

**If you have already sent a message to your elected officials, please share the action with your networks.** Whether we are successful in getting this proposal adopted or not will depend on the number of people who are engaging the government on this issue.

### What's next?

Beyond sending emails to elected officials and taking other online actions, we need your support to escalate this campaign. If your organization or community would like to endorse this policy and work with us to increase pressure on the federal government in this critical coming month, we'd love to hear from you. Please email [media@caeh.ca](mailto:media@caeh.ca) and we'll be in touch to discuss how we can work together.

We will be sending out more information and actions in the coming weeks.



## Make homelessness a priority in Budget 2023

The federal government's 2023 pre-budget consultations have launched. As Canada faces a new wave of homelessness, these consultations are an important piece of how the federal government constructs their Budget priorities—and **we can help shape that Budget by ensuring housing is on the agenda.**

Join the conversation by taking five minutes to complete an anonymous pre-budget questionnaire or by uploading a submission and **include the urgent need for a [Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit \(HPHB\)](#)**—a benefit that would keep hundreds of thousands of people living in Canada in their homes and support tens of thousands of people experiencing homelessness back into housing—**as part of your recommended priorities for the government's upcoming budget.**

[Take the Survey or Upload a Submission Here](#)



## How we can ensure no one is left out of population data

Before each census, Statistics Canada undergoes a consultation process which allows people across Canada to share their views on both the content and dissemination strategy of the Census data.

The experience of homelessness is different for everyone, and while many communities rely on shelter data, not all regions have shelters and not all people who are experiencing homelessness use shelters even when available.

For those of us working in the housing and homelessness sector, we know how critical it is to develop more accurate sources of data related to homelessness to ensure the proper supports and services are available.

This is an opportunity for us to push for better ways of measuring data that capture the variable and unique experiences of homelessness. Join the conversation by providing feedback on data gaps Statistics Canada should consider addressing in the next census cycle.

[Complete the Consultation  
Questionnaire](#)



## **OUT NOW: Improving access to housing for people fleeing gender-based violence**

This week, we're joined by Victoria Barclay, an Action Researcher at Women Transforming Cities and a master's student in the Department of Sociology at the University of British Columbia who focuses on what policy change is needed to address the gender-based impacts of the housing crisis.

In this week's podcast, we discuss her current research that explores how we can improve access to housing for people fleeing gender-based violence, focusing on Indigenous, Black, and racialized women.

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