

PETITION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS: Fix Employment Insurance NOW!

Whereas: The pandemic showed us the Employment Insurance system does not do enough to protect workers and stabilize the economy, and today only about 35% of unemployed workers receive EI benefits.

Whereas: The federal government promised to fix Employment Insurance to make it more accessible, adequate, and fair.

Whereas: We are facing a new jobs crisis as a result of tariffs and threats of tariffs, as well as and other economic uncertainty.

Whereas: All workers are vulnerable to layoffs and job loss, even if they are not in sectors directly impacted by tariffs.

Whereas: Migrant workers pay into Employment Insurance but are often told they are not allowed to receive benefits when they apply.

We demand the federal government act immediately to:

- ✓ **Expand EI access:**
 - Set a universal 360-hour or 12-week qualifying rule;
 - Ensure all migrant workers have access to EI;
 - End harsh disqualification rules that cut off EI access to vulnerable workers;
 - End misclassification that leave workers wrongly called self-employed independent contractors with no EI access; and
 - Provide adequate income benefits so long as workers are in approved training;
- ✓ **Improve the EI weekly benefit rate to 75% of income, include a guaranteed weekly minimum of \$600/week and ensure up to 50 weeks of support; and**
- ✓ **Fund a new, annual federal government contribution to EI to help pay for improvements, provide enough staff to support EI claimants, and ensure EI acts as an effective economic stabilizer.**

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