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## News Release

### This International Basic Income Week, Let's #CountonBasicIncome

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OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019—Senator Kim Pate today took part in the Count on Basic Income Photo Action, marking International Basic Income Week.

Senator Pate joined with others around the world who took to social media to connect and share their support for a guaranteed livable income.

In Canada, this International Basic Income Week, about [9.5 per cent](#) of Canadians live below the poverty line. [More than half](#) of them are working jobs that do not provide sufficient income to enable them to get out of poverty.

With [one in eight](#) Canadians in precarious or temporary employment, [voters have identified](#) cost of living and increased income inequality as key issues for this federal election.

“Poverty costs all of us too much in terms of the human, social and fiscal impact,” said Senator Pate. “A guaranteed livable income could provide a meaningful leg up and out of poverty. It would also represent an investment in healthier, more fair, safer and more resilient communities for all of us.”

- Senator Pate’s Count on Basic Income Photo Action: <https://twitter.com/KPateontheHill/status/1174394171601432576>
- International Basic Income Week on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/basicincomeweek>;
- International Basic Income Week on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BasicIncomeWeek/>

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