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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada

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80 Wellington Street

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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.

Minister of Finance and National Revenue

90 Elgin Street

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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Champagne,

I write on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada to urge your government to implement a Universal Basic Income (UBI) in alignment with the living wage for all Canadians.

As you know, considerable research and advocacy have already been done on a UBI in Canada and in other countries, and you are aware of its potential economic and social value. In recent years, Ontario's brief pilot project showed positive initial outcomes for participants, including improvements to physical and mental health alongside the many financial benefits.

Like other major faith and secular traditions, we respect the dignity of every human being and seek justice for all people. Across Canada, members of the Anglican Church live out this calling by offering support and services to people struggling with a growing affordability crisis, including escalating housing insecurity and unprecedented increases in food bank usage.

We believe a UBI would be a valuable initiative that would increase financial security and promote greater equity for all residents of Canada. It represents a positive nation-building policy for today and tomorrow and is consistent with the transformational agenda of your government. It has

found support across party lines and in communities across this country. I pray you will make the implementation of a UBI a high priority.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this important issue.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane', with a stylized initial 'S' and a trailing flourish.

The Most Rev. Shane Parker
Archbishop and Primate

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