

Dear Cabinet Ministers,

We were heartened to see some of the boldest promises this government has ever made in the Speech from the Throne on September 23rd. However, bold promises must be paired with bold action. We urge you to follow through with your commitments. Specifically:

- **Tackle the climate emergency:** Keep your promise to create a million jobs with a focus on climate, immediately bring forward a plan to exceed our 2030 climate goals, and legislate Canada's climate targets. In addition, invest \$81 billion over 5 years to move Canada towards zero emissions; ensure stimulus funding does not go to polluters; and raise billions by ending handouts to fossil fuel corporations.
- **Tackle economic inequality:** Despite the commitment to expand EI and tax Big Tech, the throne speech fell short of guaranteeing a livable income for all. We urge you to establish a guaranteed \$500/week income for all and create billions to help pay for it with a 1% wealth tax on the super rich.
- **Advance racial justice:** Go beyond your commitments in the throne speech with decisive action, by diverting federal funds from policing to invest in community-led, harm reduction tactics and supports, and social services; and establish permanent residency for all migrants so they can access basic supports.
- **Uphold Indigenous rights:** We appreciate the commitment to implement UNDRIP by the end of the year. We urge you to ensure that any UNDRIP legislation includes the requirement for Free, Prior and Informed Consent for Indigenous Peoples, and call on you to immediately address the drinking water crisis on reserves.

Undoubtedly, we're facing some of the most complex challenges of our time — challenges that require an urgent, ambitious, and transformative response. Together, we can come out of the other side of the pandemic better equipped to take care of one another and our environment.

Sincerely,

The Leadnow community