

Better Way Alberta: Fight Back Against Inequality

Hard-working Albertans power our economy. But extreme income disparities make it easier for the top 1% to thrive while it gets harder and harder for many Albertans to make ends meet.

The government needs to put in place more income-based human services to support Alberta workers, especially those who are low to modest income earners. Without it, more and more Albertans will find it harder to live, work and raise a family here.

There is a better way. Together we can build an Alberta that provides good, stable jobs, and a liveable income that supports a future where every Albertan has an opportunity to thrive.

Our government must recognize the impacts of income inequality on workers and act to reverse the growing disparities.

Alberta's workers are critical to a prosperous future for our province and deserve to earn fair and equitable compensation. By taking the right steps to reduce inequality and poverty, we will set Alberta on a better path to a thriving community and economy. Making sure everyone in our communities has a chance for success is socially and economically beneficial for all Albertans.

Here's how:

1. Make the minimum wage a living wage and reinstate indexing for income support programs so benefits keep pace with inflation.
2. Improve income support program outcomes by introducing a refundable Alberta Workers' Benefit, reducing earned income clawbacks, and phasing out benefits more gradually.
3. Ensure the province is an equal partner in increasing both the affordable housing supply and in investing in fully-funded rental assistance.
4. Ensure we have the data we need to track and evaluate outcomes by implementing fairer and more inclusive data collection and analysis methods.
5. Ensure every child has access to high-quality and affordable early learning and child-care programs.
6. Make it easier for workers to unionize and negotiate collectively for fair pay and working conditions by implementing single-step union certification.

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