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No National Budget? Connect 4 Life Urges Finance Minister and Prime Minister to Consider Disproportionate Economic Impacts on Canadians with Disabilities.

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Connect 4 Life CEO, Melanie Taddeo, this morning urged the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister of Canada to immediately convene a working group to consider the growing disproportionate economic impacts on Canadians with disabilities.

Canadians with disabilities, a substantial component of our national population (which is even greater in number when one considers the rising population of seniors and age-related disabilities) already face higher transportation and housing costs, as well as a plethora of other costs, including medical expenses and attendant care.

"The challenges related to tariffs will (and, to some extent, already do) affect some Canadians more profoundly than others," Ms Taddeo explained in her communiques.

Connect 4 Life recommends that the Government of Canada convene a special effort to determine what measures the Government of Canada can take to address the disproportionate impacts on Canadians with disabilities.



Ms Taddeo explained to Minister Champagne in her letter: "At the very least, my colleagues and I recommend a series of roundtables hosted by you and your Department, which would serve as accessible points of discussion across the country, for people with disabilities and government officials alike, to determine what actions can be taken".

Ms Taddeo concluded her appeal: "Minister, Canadians with disabilities cannot wait until the fall for an economic update. People are being impacted today, and together we need to determine a sustainable approach to ensure that no one is left behind."

Connect 4 Life is available to contribute to finding the solutions necessary to make a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives and livelihoods of Canadians with disabilities, their families, their employers, and their communities.

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