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January 6, 2020

Mr. David Coon, MLA  
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96 St. John Street  
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Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petition 11, which was tabled in the Legislature on December 17, 2019.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald J. Forestell'.

Donald J. Forestell  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Enclosure

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January 3, 2020

Mr. Donald J. Forestell  
Clerk of Legislative Assembly  
Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick  
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**Subject: Petition Number 11**

Dear Mr. Forestell:

This is in response to Petition No. 11 tabled in the Legislature on December 17, 2019 by Mr. Coon. The petition requests that government review the Act, regulations, and policies governing social assistance with the goal of increasing social assistance to a living standard.

Government is committed to delivering client-centred service, seeks to provide individuals with the supports they require to thrive, and improve policies to help alleviate poverty in New Brunswick.

The Department supports a review of social assistance to inform poverty reduction strategies, but at this point cannot commit to increasing social assistance rates.

Any new potential legislative amendments to the *Family Income Security Act* would be considered and presented to government at the end of a review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Dorothy Shephard".

K. Dorothy Shephard  
Minister of Social Development

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