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Dear Mr. Harper:

We write to you expressing our deep concerns regarding the Conservative Party of Canada policies.

The Disability and Human Rights Group of Kitchener-Waterloo is comprised of people with lived disability experience. Most of us receive social assistance. Few are able to find gainful employment despite achieving an education level ranging from completion of secondary school to a masters degree.

Current federal Conservative policy favours the economy at the expense of social justice. This does not benefit those who are incapable of being competitive in the workplace.

How does emphasizing the economy, tax reductions and non-refundable tax credits help us live a dignified life? No matter how well intended, charity does not build pride. We need more!

Our vision for Canada includes:

- A poverty elimination strategy
- An affordable and inclusive housing strategy
- An integrated health care system
- Stable income supports indexed to the cost of living

These kinds of policies help to build a Canada, which truly includes everyone; a Canada we think is better for everyone, not just those with the economic means to live independently.

Thank you for taking the time to review our concerns.

Sincerely,

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