

Regarding the Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the Upcoming Federal Budget by Trevor Pott

Hello, I am writing to you in order to ask you to please consider increased taxation as one of the many avenues to peruse in order to help Canada recover from the COVID 19 crisis. I realize you are busy people, and that there are mail-in campaigns being run to influence you so I will try to make this concise.

I make a lot of money and you need to tax people like me more.

Slightly more detailed: Canada has a Wealth Gap problem. You know it. I know it. Everyone in this country knows it.

Supply side economics, otherwise known as “trickle down” economics simply doesn’t work. We have unlimited evidence of this available for public review, including the CATASTROPHIC economic choices our so-called allies to the south have undertaken over the past four years.

Those of use in the top 10% of income earners can afford a few extra percentage points worth of income tax. We really can. I am only just barely into that tax bracket and I am supporting *four separate households* off of a single income.

Canadians like me MUST be taxed more so that we can provide for the most marginalized populations in our country. It’s time to stop pretending that poverty is acceptable. NOBODY in this country should EVER go hungry, and NOBODY should be in a position where their ability to afford housing is considered precarious.

CERB has taught us that all that a Universal Basic Income is a must. EI is virtually worthless because it is gated by a ceaseless list of moral purity tests that have NO basis in science whatsoever. Canada’s history of believing that people who are poor, or disabled, or otherwise marginalized are simply “lazy”.

THE WOMAN WORKING FOUR JOBS JUST TO STAY ALIVE IS NOT MORE LAZY THAN ME, AND YOU NEED TO TAX ME MORE SO THAT SHE DOESN’T DIE.

Nobody deserves to have to work multiple jobs just to stay alive. NOBODY. That starts with higher taxes on the top income earners. AND IT MUST INCLUDE A WEALTH TAX.

Those Canadians who gained their power and wealth by manipulating a system that ruthlessly exploits the most vulnerable among us have NO moral or ethical claim to the fruits of other people’s labours.

It’s time for a new Canada. Let us learn from the tragedy that we have experienced, as well as from the absolute catastrophe the USA has experienced. Let us LEARN FROM MISTAKES; both ours and those of other nations.

Let’s build a better, more equal, more equitable nation. One where precarious employment, precarious housing, and precarious food availability do not cause our brothers and sisters sleepless nights. Let us lift one another up, and watch in awe at what a nation, freed from the perpetual anxiety of precarious living can accomplish. I’m ready to do my part, and pay my dues. Are you ready to do the same?

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