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Dear Yvon LeBlanc:

Thank you for your letter of September 24, 2025, to the Honourable Tim Houston regarding a request for a Legislative Committee to study the implementation of a basic income guarantee. As the Executive Lead of the Employment Support and Income Assistance (ESIA) Division within the Department of Opportunities and Social Development, I am responding on the Premier's behalf.

I apologize for the delayed response. Thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts about establishing a legislative committee. I also want to thank you for taking the time to outline the potential benefits of a Basic Income Guarantee, along with important considerations such as workforce participation and community engagement. We are always open to new ideas and agree that meaningful change requires careful study and collaboration.

Enhancing financial security remains a key priority for us, and we are always exploring new and effective ways to support Nova Scotians. We continually strive to improve our programs and services to better meet the needs of individuals and families across the province.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

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