

*Name of MLA/Party Leader*  
*Street Address*  
*City/ Town, Postal Code*

*Date*

Dear *(Mr. Ms. Mrs.) (Surname)*

As a constituent in this riding, I am writing to you to express my concerns as per my right as a member of your constituency.

*[Insert facts about your issue, we'll use poverty as an example as acquired by SEIU-West fact sheets]* In Saskatchewan we are repeatedly told that we are living in good times, that the economy is booming, and that inflation is low. Yet this doesn't fit with the actual experiences of many Saskatchewan people. Not everyone is benefitting from the boom. The provincial government is quick to give itself credit, but it has not done enough to prepare for the boom's negative effects or to ensure that the benefits of economic growth are shared fairly.

Poverty continues to be a problem. About 133,000 people--14% of the population--live under the poverty line. This includes: more than 22,000 seniors (16% of all seniors), more than 15,000 children under 6 (or 21% of all children under 6) and about 15,000 adults with a disability.

The Saskatchewan government did not develop an anti-poverty plan until 2012. It was one of the last provinces in Canada to do so. The plan has been criticized by anti-poverty experts as one of the weakest in Canada, for example because it ignores the link between poverty and poor health.

*[Insert your personal story here – example]:* I am a mother of two who witnesses homelessness on a daily basis as a result of poverty. I see rent prices are going up and up meanwhile my wages have stayed the same. I do not want to see my kids on the street! We need affordable housing and I hope I can count on you, my representative, to call out our provincial government's lack of action.

I call on you to commit to establishing a comprehensive poverty strategy for Saskatchewan.

Thank you for your commitment, and I look forward to receiving a response from you.

Sincerely,

*Name*  
*Address*  
*City, Province*  
*Postal Code*  
*Email*  
*Phone Number*