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To: autotaxfiling-autoimpot@fin.gc.ca

Re: Department of Finance Canada Consultation on Automatic Federal Benefits

Hello,

United Way Centraide Canada thanks the Department of Finance for the opportunity to respond to the Consultation on Automatic Federal Benefits. Our network welcomes the government's commitment to automatic federal benefits and endorses [the joint submission from Maytree, Prosper and Momentum](#) to strengthen implementation.

Working in 5,000 communities in every region of Canada, the federated United Way Centraide (UWC) network meets community needs and tackles the toughest social issues so everyone in every community can reach their full potential. With deep local expertise and trust, we annually fundraise over \$600 million dollars to invest in 3,500 partner agencies serving over 7 million people. We are Canada's largest non-government funder of community services. We are also a convenor across sectors and with all levels of government. Through UWC, donors and volunteers mobilize to meet basic needs, deliver essential community services, enable access to training and employment, and respond to local emergencies. United Way Centraide Canada (UWCC) is the national office that supports the network of UWCs across Canada and represents the network to the federal government.

UWCs have a deep experience coordinating and delivering programs to support tax filing for low- and moderate-income community members. As such, we wish to encourage Finance Canada to act on the above submission's recommendations to expand the number of Canadians who will be eligible for automatic tax filing, accelerate the timeline to roll out the program, and to adjust the program so that low-income people have access to automatic filing on a continuous basis. In addition, we encourage government to consider how to deliver benefits to those who do not have a simple tax situation as part of supporting those in deepest need. Relatedly, we encourage government to support public education about the program, particularly for those with limited access to banking institutions, lower technological literacy and for whom English and French are second languages.

Thank you again for the opportunity to inform the implementation of Automatic Federal Benefits. Please contact me at any time for further discussion.

Best Regards,

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