



## **Conservative Statement on Canada Emergency Response Benefit**

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**Ottawa, ON** – Today, Stephanie Kusie, Conservative Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development, and Marty Morantz, Conservative Shadow Minister for National Revenue released the following statement on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB):

“As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than two million Canadians have already lost their jobs. While the government has announced measures to help, so far money has not reached Canadians’ bank accounts.

“This morning, applications for the CERB opened through the Canada Revenue Agency’s My Account and Service Canada. The Prime Minister has promised Canadians who apply that they can count on receiving the benefit in 3-5 business days, if they are registered for direct deposit, and in 10 business days if they prefer to receive a cheque in the mail.

“Canadians who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19 are counting on their CERB payments arriving quickly. The government must ensure that the system is robust enough to handle the volume of applications it will receive in the coming days and that benefits reach bank accounts in the timeframe promised by the Prime Minister. Parents worried about putting food on the table or young people worried about paying their rent cannot afford to wait any longer.

“Conservatives will continue to press the government on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit so Canadians can get the help they need quickly and reliably during this pandemic.”

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