

STOP ADAP

Caregiver · Family · Advocate Edition · A fillable letter to Minister Neudorf

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 · SOMEONE YOU LOVE IS ONE OF 79,290

WHO THIS LETTER IS FOR

Use this letter if you are a parent, spouse, adult child, sibling, friend, neighbour, support worker, group home staff, personal support worker, or anyone else who provides care, assistance, or advocacy to a person on AISH. You do not need to be a legal guardian. You do not need formal documentation. Your standing comes from what you have witnessed.

HOW TO USE THIS LETTER

1. Fill in your information on page 2. The grey boxes are fillable on screen.
2. Describe what you have witnessed on page 4 (this is the part that cannot be ignored).
3. Save the completed PDF.
4. Email it as an attachment to the recipients on the last page. Copy each address from this letter.
5. Share this fillable with other caregivers, family, and friends. Every witness is a record.

WHERE IT GOES: Minister Neudorf, copied to the Premier and your own MLA. Full addresses on the last page.

YOUR INFORMATION

Your full name _____

Date _____

Your email _____

City / Town _____

Your relationship _____

Years known _____

Your MLA _____

Dear Minister Neudorf,

I am writing on behalf of someone I love who is one of the approximately 79,290 Albertans affected by the AISH-to-ADAP transition you are responsible for delivering on July 1, 2026. I am not writing instead of them — I am writing alongside them, because the documented record of this transition requires more than one voice, and because I have witnessed firsthand what your ministry has not.

WHAT I HAVE WITNESSED

The person I care about did not arrive on AISH casually. They were assessed under criteria your government wrote. They were approved because their disability was documented, severe, and permanent. I have seen what it took for them to qualify — the medical appointments, the documentation, the proof of incapacity, the years of trying alternatives before applying. Your ministry has files on the person I love. I have memories.

I have also seen what daily life on AISH truly looks like — not the abstract budget numbers, but the lived reality of choosing between groceries and prescriptions, the medical appointments that take three buses to reach, the forms that take weeks to complete because the cognitive load is too high to do in one sitting, the way a missed deadline cascades into weeks of crisis. AISH is not generous. It is barely survival.

WHAT YOUR FACT SHEET DOES NOT MEASURE

Your government's May 12, 2026 ADAP Fact Sheet establishes that single recipients will lose \$572 per month in income flexibility before benefit reductions begin — \$6,864 per year structurally removed from day one. For two-recipient households, the new 88% cohabitation rule combined with the AISH-to-ADAP cut and the federal Canada Disability Benefit clawback produces documented losses approaching \$14,611 per year per couple.

Those are your government's own published numbers. What they do not measure is what happens around those numbers — the unpaid labour that absorbs the shortfall when income drops. That labour is mine. It is the labour of every caregiver, family member, friend, and advocate writing to you today.

THE INVISIBLE BUDGET LINE

When AISH is not enough, the gap does not vanish. It transfers to me, and to people like me. Statistics Canada values unpaid caregiver labour in this country at \$97.1 billion per year. The economic value of caregiver labour supporting disabled adults in Alberta alone reaches into the billions. None of it appears in your ministry's budget. None of it is acknowledged in the ADAP framing. And none of it can scale up further to absorb the cuts you are about to make.

I am already at capacity. So is every other caregiver I know. When ADAP takes another \$572 per month from the household I help support, that gap does not get absorbed by me — it gets absorbed by the emergency room, the food bank, the mental health crisis line, the shelter system, and ultimately by funeral costs. I have watched that pipeline build. I am writing to you because I do not want to watch what comes next.

THE COHABITATION PENALTY PUNISHES CARE

The 88% cohabitation rule announced May 12 actively penalizes people who live together to share costs and provide mutual care. It treats partnership as a benefit that must be paid back to the government, when in fact partnership is what allows two disabled adults to survive on amounts that would not sustain either of them alone. I ask you to explain the evidentiary basis for the 12% reduction — because nothing about shared housing reduces shared medical costs, shared transportation costs, or shared disability-related expenses by 12%. The rule is not a measure of shared expenses. It is a tax on love.

WHAT I AM ASKING YOU ON THE RECORD

As a witness to the impact your policy will have on a person I love and on countless Albertans like them, I am asking you, on the record, to provide:

1. The government's estimate of how much unpaid caregiver labour is currently absorbing the gap between AISH benefit levels and survival costs in Alberta. If no such estimate exists, why has a benefit reduction been designed without it?
2. The government's modelling of what happens to AISH recipients whose caregivers are at capacity and cannot absorb the post-ADAP shortfall. Where does that gap go?
3. The published policy rationale for the 88% cohabitation rule — specifically, the evidentiary basis for the 12% reduction figure.
4. The government's modelling of downstream costs to the emergency room, mental health system, shelter system, child welfare system, and crisis services budgets as a result of this transition. If no modelling exists, why not?
5. The complete ADAP earnings clawback rate schedule, which your May 12 fact sheet referenced verbally but did not publish.

WHAT I HAVE SEEN — IN MY OWN WORDS

Describe what you have witnessed. You do not need to name the person you care about. You do not need medical details. Describe what you have seen — what daily life looks like, what the system has done, what you fear will happen after July 1. The more specific and personal, the harder to dismiss.

Maximum: 2000 characters (approximately 350 words).

WHAT I AM ASKING YOU TO DO

- Pause the implementation of ADAP pending independent review with meaningful disability community and caregiver participation.
- Publish complete ADAP regulations including the full clawback schedule and income protection provisions.
- Guarantee that no disabled Albertan will experience a reduction in total support due to transition, cohabitation status, or reassessment outcomes.
- Restore the independent Citizens Appeal Panel that Bill 12 eliminated.
- Recognize the unpaid caregiver labour your ministry's budget currently relies on and stop transferring further cost to it.

I AM A WITNESS. THE RECORD IS BEING KEPT.

I am one of countless Albertans who provides unpaid care, support, and advocacy to someone on AISH. My standing comes from what I have seen with my own eyes. The campaign is sourced. The numbers are public. The questions are formal. The transition takes effect July 1, 2026. The person I love deserves more than the silence your ministry has offered to date. I expect a response.

Sincerely,

Name _____

SOURCES CITED IN THIS LETTER

Government of Alberta ADAP Fact Sheet (May 12, 2026). Statistics Canada — Economic Value of Unpaid Caregiving in Canada (2022). ADSB Income Crossover Analysis (Revised May 2026). Full library: albertadisabilitysystembreakdown.netlify.app

WHERE TO SEND THIS

- **Primary:** Hon. Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services — alss.minister@gov.ab.ca
- **Copy to:** Hon. Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta — premier@gov.ab.ca
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