

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Pauline Frost



1. On November 14, 2017 Kate White

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) _____ of Hansard

submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____

gave notice of the following motion ~~for the production of papers~~ – MPP No. 203

RE: Federal Disability Tax Credit

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

on _____ at page(s) _____ of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

Please see attached.

November 15, 2017
Date


Signature



Office of the Minister
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November 15, 2017

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, P.C., M.P.
Minister of National Revenue
Confederation Building
Room 207
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Lebouthillier:

I am writing to express my disappointment with the apparent decision by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to change how rules regarding life-sustaining therapy are interpreted, resulting in many Canadians with type 1 diabetes being denied support under the disability tax credit. Those with type 1 diabetes have relied on this tax credit to help offset the high costs associated with managing their disease to maintain good health and prevent organ damage or death.

It is my understanding the disability tax credit previously resulted in an average tax bill reduction of \$1,500 annually for an individual or a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes. In addition, being eligible for the disability tax credit allowed these individuals to access other supports, such as registered disability savings plans, the working income tax benefit and the child disability benefit.

To the best of my knowledge there was no discussion with our government, or more importantly with those who actually receive the credit, before this change was made.

I would urge your department to leave this much needed disability tax credit in place.

Mahsi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pauline Frost". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Pauline Frost
Minister of Health and Social Services
Government of Yukon