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Subject: March 18 Major Economic Announcement: Supports for Albertans

Good afternoon,

During this unprecedented global public health emergency, the Alberta government continues to support Albertans. I want to ensure you're aware of the latest measures Premier Kenney announced yesterday.

A number of options have been put in place for those struggling financially including:

- A temporary program for working adult Albertans who must self-isolate because they meet the Government of Alberta's published criteria for self-isolation. This program also includes people who are the sole caregiver for a dependent who must self-isolate because they meet the public health criteria, and who will not have another source of pay or compensation while they are self-isolated. That money will be available starting next week to help them make ends meet until federal supports start on April 1. An online application will be available on alberta.ca.
- Albertans can defer their electricity and natural gas utility payments for residential, farm and small commercial customers for 90 days.
- Post-secondary students will have a six-month, interest-free holiday on student loan payments.
- ATB Financial and Alberta credit unions are offering deferrals on loans and mortgages to customers affected by COVID-19.
- Government will not collect corporate income taxes until this August 31.

For more details, please visit alberta.ca/covid. Feel free to share this information with colleagues, teachers and parents.

I know you bring incredible empathy, flexibility and concern to today's new reality. Government brings its commitment and resources. Albertans bring their legendary resilience. Together we will help students, workers and everyone get through this dark time and emerge stronger than ever.

Thank you,

Andre Corbould
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