

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Poverty must be higher on political agenda

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The Street Health Report tells a shocking story of neglect that every candidate in the provincial election needs to take to heart. With one in seven people in Ontario living in poverty, it's high time that ending poverty became a top priority for all political parties.

As the report shows, ending poverty is going to require a comprehensive plan that includes singles as well as families and people on social assistance, as well as the working poor.

Ask any of the people with disabilities who packed the room at a recent all-party debate on poverty and disability issues. More than 232,000 people with disabilities are struggling on less than \$1,000 a month in Ontario. The frustration in the room was palpable.

People with disabilities will be voting on Oct. 10 and they will keep speaking up until they see a plan for ending poverty that includes them.

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