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An Opportunity For Change:

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What can I do?

- Talk to your local MPP about the Special Diet Allowance and the need to raise the rates for social assistance
- Volunteer to help a candidate who supports an increase in social assistance and the full restoration of the special diet
 - Put up a lawn or balcony sign if your candidate supports these measures
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