

I am writing today, to express my concern & disappointment, with the threat of discontinuing the CNIB Bus Pass.

I have been extremely grateful for the price concession, the LTC, has extended, for the blind & visually impaired. To me, it has been as a gift.

Without the pass, the quality of my life, will be severely impacted.

The pass, has enabled me: to get to medical and dental appointments, to shop, get to meetings and events in the community and connect with other people. As I could not afford to otherwise, being without the pass, would be isolating, stressful and depressing.

I realize, \$10 a year, does not even begin to cover a ride. I would be willing, to pay more, for a yearly pass, but please, do not cut myself and others off. It would end up being a mental health issue. I know, of other blind people, who will not go out, because of the stress, of what it entails, for the blind, to travel safely. Adding a financial stress, would be a further hardship. For those of us, who use Para transit, booking rides, is stressful & time consuming. I have been told: every month we would have to go to get a monthly pass. And hope, we are there early enough, to obtain one of the passes, as there will be only a certain number given out. It is hard enough, every week, to get out for groceries etc. Using a white cane, I can only carry one bag on Paratransit. Hence, getting out takes up a lot of time & effort. For those of us, who don't have family etc. LTC is an essential service.

Denying the CNIB bus pass, will impact negatively, on the quality of our lives. Please consider - the cost of that loss.

Sincerely  
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