



Dear friends and supporters,

On June 16, the IAS Steering Committee released its final report. Thirteen recommendations to transform how Manitoba supports adults with disabilities. So many of you showed up to support us on that day. Thank you!

On June 30, we delivered an open letter to the government signed by over 1,000 of you.

The story has been heard widely. CBC's The Current, CTV News, Winnipeg Free Press, APTN, Radio-Canada, and others picked it up — bringing provincial and national attention to what Manitoba's disability support system is failing to do. (check out all the media attention by heading over to <https://www.lockedoutoflife.com/>)

On July 22, Minister Fontaine wrote to confirm that the Government of Manitoba 'accepts' the IAS recommendations. That is meaningful, and we welcome it. But the response came from the Department of Families alone — and these recommendations span health, income, housing, transportation, equipment, workforce, and Indigenous services. The MOU was signed by both the Government of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. A response from a single department, however well intentioned, cannot constitute a whole-of-government commitment.

On July 24, we wrote directly to Premier Kinew. We asked him to name a senior Implementation Lead with explicit cross-departmental authority, accountable to his office — not housed within any single department. We asked for a specific written response to each of the 13 recommendations by December 16, confirming what actions will be taken, the timelines, and who is accountable. We asked for a community co-design table with genuine decision-making authority — not just an advisory role. And we asked for a multi-year funding commitment to match the scale of this transformation. We are also preparing a detailed, phased implementation plan and have asked that it inform the government's December 16 response.

Now we need to keep the pressure on.

The Government of Manitoba has until December 16, 2026, to deliver its full response. The government has accepted the recommendations in principle — but the decisions being made right now will determine whether that acceptance results in real, structural change or fades into a

general statement that work is underway.

Your MLA can impact that decision. On June 16th, we wrote to every MLA in Manitoba. Now we need their constituents, people like you, to follow up.

Our ask is simple: Contact your MLA and ask them to go on record supporting the IAS recommendations.

MLAs aren't at the legislature right now — they're at their riding offices, and that's exactly where your call or email should go. When MLA offices get 5-10 calls on the same issue, it gets attention!

Here's what to do:

1. Find your MLA at <https://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/voting/MyVotingInfo> - enter your address to find yours. Once you find your MLA, note which party they belong to: we've given you a slightly different message depending on whether your MLA is in government (NDP) or not (PC, Liberal, or Green). It takes 30 seconds to check, and it makes your message more effective.
2. Send an email using one of the templates below or put it into your own words.
3. If you'd rather call, feel free to use the phone script below we've included — it's short and easy.

This is not a partisan issue. Nearly one in three Manitobans lives with a disability. Every MLA represents people who are affected by this — regardless of party.

Thank you for staying in this with us. Stay tuned for more active advocacy starting up in September!

David Kron and the Community Members of the IAS Steering Committee

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Email Template for Supporters to Send to Their MLA

We have included some guidance on what you might ask your MLA, depending on whether they are in government or opposition, as this makes a difference to their level of responsibility and authority to implement the recommendations.

IF YOUR MLA IS NDP (government)

Subject: Please commit to implementing the IAS recommendations — your constituents are watching

Dear [MLA Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent in [Riding Name].

I am writing to ask you to support the full implementation of the 13 recommendations of the IAS Pilot Project Final Report, released on June 16, 2026.

The Government of Manitoba has accepted the IAS recommendations in principle. That is a meaningful step. But the community needs more than acceptance in principle. The response received to date came from the Department of Families alone, and these recommendations span health, income, housing, transportation, equipment, workforce, and Indigenous services. The IAS Steering Committee has written directly to Premier Kinew asking for whole-of-government leadership. Your government has until December 16 to respond. I am asking you to help ensure that the response addresses each recommendation specifically — not a general statement that work is underway.

Specifically, I ask that you:

- Advocate within caucus for a specific written commitment to each of the 13 recommendations by December 16 — confirming what actions will be taken, the timelines, and who is accountable. Acceptance in principle is not enough.
- Push for a senior Implementation Lead to be named publicly by December 16, with explicit cross-departmental authority accountable to the Premier's office — not housed within a single department, which will not have the authority to coordinate action across Families, Health, Housing, Justice, Education, Income Supports, and the WRHA.
- Support the establishment of a community co-design table with genuine decision-making authority — not just an advisory role — and engage with the detailed implementation plan community leaders are preparing for the government.

Approximately 29% of Manitobans live with a disability. This is a human rights issue that affects people in every constituency, including yours. I'd welcome knowing where you stand.

The full report is available at www.lockedoutoflife.com.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Phone/Email — optional]

IF YOUR MLA IS PC (opposition)

Subject: Thank you for supporting the IAS recommendations — please keep the pressure on

Dear [MLA Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent in [Riding Name].

I am writing to thank the PC caucus for publicly supporting the 13 recommendations of the IAS Pilot Project Final Report. That support matters, and I want you to know your constituents are paying attention.

The Government of Manitoba has until December 16, 2026, to respond to these recommendations. As we approach that deadline, I am asking you to use your position in opposition to hold the government accountable for delivering a real commitment — not a delay or a vague statement of intent.

Specifically, I ask that you:

- Continue to speak publicly in support of the IAS recommendations
- Ask pointed questions in the legislature when it sits this Fall about the government's implementation timeline and whether an implementation lead has been named

The full report is available at www.lockedoutoflife.com.

Thank you for your support so far. Please keep this issue visible.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Phone/Email — optional]

IF YOUR MLA IS LIBERAL OR GREEN

Subject: Please support the IAS recommendations and hold the government accountable

Dear [MLA Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent in [Riding Name].

I am writing to ask you to publicly support the 13 recommendations of the IAS Pilot Project Final Report, released on June 16, 2026.

The IAS pilot showed that with proper support, adults with complex disabilities can live safer, more

independent lives. The 13 recommendations call for replacing the current system's foundations with a human rights-based, needs-driven approach. The Government of Manitoba has until December 16, 2026, to respond.

Approximately 29% of Manitobans live with a disability. This is not a partisan issue — it touches every constituency in this province, including yours.

I ask that you:

- Go on record publicly in support of implementing the IAS recommendations
- Use your platform to call on the NDP government to respond with a full and specific commitment by December 16
- Raise the issue in the legislature when it sits on September 29
- Meet with the IAS Steering Committee to learn more

The full report is available at www.lockedoutoflife.com.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Phone/Email — optional]

Phone Script — by Party

IF YOUR MLA IS NDP (government)

"Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent in [Riding Name]. I'm calling to ask [MLA Name] to champion the IAS recommendations within the NDP caucus.

The government accepted the IAS recommendations in principle, but that's not enough. By December 16, we need a specific written response to each of the 13 recommendations — what actions, what timelines, who is accountable. We need a senior Implementation Lead with cross-departmental authority, accountable to the Premier's office, and named publicly. And we need a community co-design table with real decision-making power. I want my MLA on record pushing for that.

Can you make sure [MLA Name] receives that message? And can I leave my contact information?"

If they push back or say the government is already working on it:

"I'm glad to hear that. My message is that constituents are watching, and we expect the December 16th response to be specific and binding — not a general statement. I would like a call back from [MLA Name] to discuss."

IF YOUR MLA IS PC (opposition)

"Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent in [Riding Name]. I'm calling to thank [MLA Name] and the PC caucus for supporting the IAS recommendations — and to ask them to keep the pressure on.

The NDP government has until December 16th to respond to 13 recommendations for transforming disability supports. I'd like [MLA Name] to ask questions in the legislature when it sits on September 29th about whether the government is going to deliver a real commitment.

Can you make sure [MLA Name] receives that message? And can I leave my contact information?"

IF YOUR MLA IS LIBERAL OR GREEN

"Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent in [Riding Name]. I'm calling to ask [MLA Name] to publicly support the IAS Pilot Project recommendations — they're 13 recommendations for transforming disability supports in Manitoba, released in June.

The NDP government has until December 16th to respond. I want my MLA on record calling for full implementation, and I'd like them to raise it in the legislature when it sits this Fall.

Can you make sure [MLA Name] receives that message? And can I leave my contact information?"

For all parties, if they ask what the IAS project is:

"It came out of a human rights case. The pilot showed that adults with disabilities get much better outcomes with proper support. The full report is at lockedoutoflife.com — and a letter was already sent to every MLA in June."

For all parties, if the MLA is unavailable:

"That's fine — I just want to make sure the message is logged. My name is [Name], my address is [Address]. Thank you."