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**NDP JOINS NORTHERNERS PETITION FOR COST OF LIVING
RELIEF**

Close the Northern Prosperity Gap, says Bevington

OTTAWA – NDP MP Dennis Bevington (Western Arctic) today presented two petitions in the House of Commons containing a combined 615 signatures from Yukon and Nunavut residents calling on Harper's conservatives to take action to close the Northern Prosperity Gap.

"Northerners face the highest cost of living in Canada and the Northern Resident Tax Deduction (NRTD) is meant to help, but it's been 20 years since this deduction was increased," said Bevington. "The Liberals failed to take action and now the Harper Conservatives are doing the same thing."

The petition calls on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to increase the residence portion of the NRTD by 50 per cent and that this portion of the tax deduction be indexed in order to keep pace with inflation based upon a Northern inflation measurement.

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