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MP Kramp: Government is delivering on commitment to self-employed

Belleville, ON, —Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, is pleased by the February 1 announcement by Human Resources and Skills Development Minister Diane Finley that self-employed Canadians can now apply to receive Employment Insurance (EI) special benefits.

These benefits include maternity, parental, sickness and compassionate care benefits on a voluntary basis.

“This is an example of our government’s commitment to the self-employed.”, said Mr. Kramp. “Many of these Canadians have had little or no income protection in the past to cope with major life events such as giving birth, being sick or injuring or caring for a family member. I’m pleased that our government recognizes that extending access to the self-employed is the right thing to do.”

Self-employed Canadians will be able to voluntarily opt into the EI program effective February 1, 2010 and will be able to collect benefits as early as January 1, 2011.