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Ending Violence Association of Canada

Via email: whitmore@endingviolencecanada.org

Dear Erin Whitmore,

Thank you for writing to the Liberal Party of Canada regarding this important issue. Due to an overwhelming number of policy inquiries we are unable to respond in full to your questionnaire, however, we hope this response and our full platform are helpful to your members.

The Liberal government is committed to tackling gender-based violence (GBV) and building a country that is free of GBV.

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to move forward with the development of a 10-year National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence and begin negotiations with the provinces and territories within a year. We will also accelerate the establishment of the dedicated Secretariat announced in Budget 2021 and put in place an accountability framework to ensure anyone facing gender-based violence has reliable and timely access to services, no matter where they live. Additionally, we will work with community-based anti-violence experts to track progress of the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence.

We will also work with provinces and territories to support the development of specialized sexual violence courts and to enact Clare's Law so that domestic partners who fear for their safety can request from police information about their partner's violent history, whether that includes sexual assault, domestic violence, convictions, arrests, or restraining orders.

We recognize there is more work to do, and a re-elected Liberal government will continue to support this crucial work.

On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

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