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Dear Minister Lametti,

The [Ending Violence Association of Canada](#) congratulates you on your appointment as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our organization to you, and to express our interest in working collaboratively with you and your team to address the pressing ways in which justice responses can be strengthened to better support victims of gender-based violence.

The Ending Violence Association of Canada (EVA Canada) is a national organization that works to address and respond to gender-based violence. EVA Canada strives to strengthen collaboration among national, provincial, and territorial organizations to build understanding about gender-based violence and advocate at the national level. With representation from sexual assault, domestic violence, and gender-based violence organizations and regional and provincial networks from all of the provinces and the Yukon, EVA Canada members have a long history of advocating for changes to strengthen policies, legislation, and systems to better respond to the needs of victims of gender-based violence across the country.

EVA Canada is looking forward to supporting you in your work to reform and strengthen the pathways through which victims of gender-based violence have access to justice. Furthermore, as a national organization that works closely with community-based sexual assault centres and provincial and regional sexual assault networks, EVA Canada takes a special interest in working to develop the distinct strategies that are necessary to address sexual violence. To this end, we have prepared and enclosed an overview of the key areas that we believe must be addressed to make progress toward ending sexual violence, including those related to the justice system.

As an organization, we deeply value collaboration and engagement. We would be honoured to meet with you and your team to further discuss some of the pressing issues facing anti-violence advocates and organizations across the country, and to further discuss how our work to end sexual violence connects with the mandate of your office.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment to a role that is integral to building an equitable and inclusive Canada.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: (1) Sexual Violence: A Public Health Crisis in Need of a Proportional Response; (2) La violence sexuelle: Un enjeu de santé publique qui exige une réponse proportionnée