

The Honourable David Lametti
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Dear Minister Lametti,

As a follow up to our letter of November 5, 2021, the [Ending Violence Association of Canada \(EVA Canada\)](#) would like to reiterate our interest in working collaboratively with you and your team in our collective efforts to improve the experience of survivors of gender-based violence in their interactions with the criminal justice system. We have reviewed with interest the mandate letter provided to you as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and we would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the ways that our organization can support you in taking action on a number of the priorities that fall under your mandate.

EVA Canada is a national organization with representation from sexual assault, domestic violence, and gender-based violence organizations from across the country. EVA Canada members have a long history of advocating for changes to strengthen policies, legislation, and systems to better respond to the needs of survivors of gender-based violence.

We are uniquely positioned to advise on matters related to sexual violence and we are particularly interested in being involved in the development of specialized sexual violence courts. Our network is comprised of subject-matter experts and advocates from the women's movement, some having worked in the field of sexual violence for decades. EVA Canada takes a special interest in working to develop distinct strategies to address sexual violence in a way that is intersectional, survivor-centered, and trauma and violence-informed.

Your department's priorities include other topics around which we would be keen to provide insight, such as the creation of 'red flag' laws to remove firearms in the context of intimate partner violence, as well as tackling cyberviolence and misogynistic content online, and finally, strengthening the response to elder abuse.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss how we can support you in your work to meaningfully reform and strengthen the pathways through which victims of gender-based violence have access to justice.

Yours sincerely,



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