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Dear Minister Mendicino,

The [Ending Violence Association of Canada \(EVA Canada\)](#) congratulates you on your appointment as Minister of Public Safety. 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 toward our common goal of making our communities safer for everyone. We have reviewed with interest the mandate letter provided to you as Minister of Public Safety, and we would like to highlight some of the ways our organization can support you in taking action on 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. Our network is comprised of subject-matter experts and advocates from the women's movement, some having worked in the field for decades. EVA Canada works to address gender-based violence in a way that is intersectional, survivor-centered, trauma and violence-informed.

We are well-equipped to advise on matters related to gender-based violence, and we are particularly interested in being involved in any engagement and consultation related to the enactment of Clare's Law to ensure that women experiencing intimate partner violence have access to the knowledge they need to plan for their safety, while mitigating potential unintended consequences.

Our priority of advancing meaningful institutional change also converges with your mandate of prioritizing police reform, culture change and addressing sexual harassment in correctional institutions. Our organization and its members have experience working in an advisory role with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in their efforts to adapt their processes to be more survivor-centered and trauma and violence-informed. We are also interested in being involved in the development of Canada's first-ever National Action Plan on Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries, which we believe should consider the experiences of frontline workers in the gender-based violence sector.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss how we can support you in your work to meaningfully redesign and strengthen institutions so that the needs of women, gender-diverse and equity-seeking groups are better served and to ensure that all of our communities are free from gender-based violence.

Yours sincerely,



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