

The Honourable Marci Ien  
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Dear Minister Ien,

The [Ending Violence Association of Canada](#) congratulates you on your appointment as Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth. 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 many pressing gender equality issues facing Canadians.

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 survivors of gender-based violence across the country.

EVA Canada is looking forward to supporting you in your work to address gender-based violence and gender equality more broadly. In particular, we are eager to continue our engagement with your department to develop and implement a National Action Plan on Violence Against Women and Gender-Based Violence, as well as its work to implement the 2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ People National Action Plan.

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.

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 our work to end sexual violence.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment to a role that is integral to building an equitable, inclusive, and possibility-rich Canada for women and youth in all their diversity.

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