



April 30, 2024

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RE: Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act

Dear Ms. Gretzky,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Ontario Council, a voluntary, self-funded, non-profit, non-partisan Ontario women's organization with 48 clubs and 4,500 members, all seeking to provide life-long learning, improve public policy and advocate for gender equality and the rights of women and girls.

We wish to commend you and your colleagues for your hard and unrelenting work to introduce the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Act. Not only did it take resolve to introduce the legislation, but it took determination to get the support of all political parties.

IPV has been a subject of concern, education and advocacy for CFUW Ontario Council for a number of years, and especially following the publication of the CKW Inquest Recommendations and the Recommendations of the Mass Casualty Report. Like you and your colleagues, we recognize that if you do not name an issue, it will not be addressed. Following the passing of this Act, it is our commitment to continue to encourage the Ontario Government to provide support for IPV victims in terms of transitional housing, education, health care and access to financial support.

On behalf of our membership, we say thank you. We are also delighted that you will be the welcoming speaker at our Annual General Meeting in your hometown. See you in Windsor.

Kindest regards,


Teresa Habs (Apr 27, 2024 11:13 EDT)

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