



June 13, 2018

**The Honourable Mike Farnworth**

*Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General*  
Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General  
PO Box 9282 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9J7

Dear Minister Mike Farnworth,

**RE: Proposal to co-develop a gender-based violence prevention strategy for youth**

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I would like to call on you in your role as Minister to support a broad strategy for the creation of a comprehensive violence prevention program that covers all youth, all parts of our province, and all settings be they at school, home or in the community. The attached rationale for our member motion is attached for your review. I believe it outlines well the need for such a program and the goals we hope to accomplish.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to any future dialogue on this important proposal that you might consider. Your support for bringing the various government ministries together in support of this important initiative is critical to any future success.

Yours truly,

**Gordon Swan**

*President*  
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cc: Minister of Education Rob Fleming



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**The Honourable Katrine Conroy**

*Minister of Children & Family Development*  
Ministry of Children & Family Development  
PO Box 9724 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9S2

Dear Minister Katrine Conroy,

**RE: Proposal to co-develop a gender-based violence prevention strategy for youth**

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**Gordon Swan**

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**The Honourable Judy Darcy**

*Minister of Mental Health & Addictions*  
Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions  
PO Box 9644 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9P1

Dear Minister Judy Darcy,

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