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June 13, 2018

The Honourable Mike Farnworth

Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General
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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,

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The Honourable Katrine Conroy

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

Dear Minister Katrine Conroy,

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The Honourable Judy Darcy

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

Dear Minister Judy Darcy,

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