



March 26, 2018

Honourable Ralph Goodale MP
Minister of Public Safety
Government of Canada

Dear Minister:

Re: Renewal of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking

On behalf of the members of the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC), I urge you without delay to re-establish the National Action Plan on Human Trafficking.

Since 2001 NCWC has adopted policy on combating human trafficking. In 2012, in an up-date of previous policy (2001 and 2006), NCWC urged the Government of Canada to 1) to establish a national action plan to address the root causes and to eliminate these root causes and 2) to recognize that human trafficking demands a coordinated and comprehensive response that addresses prevention, protection of victims and prosecution of human traffickers. NCWC reiterates its concerns now.

Human trafficking is a critical human rights violation. It is a serious form of violence against women and girls, impacting the vulnerable and involves their sexual exploitation, many in the young teen years.

Acknowledged as a global issue, discussed at the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women, which I recently attended, unfortunately, it also occurs in Canada on an inter – provincial basis. This demands that a comprehensive system of services be made available to support those who leave a life based on their status as trafficked persons.

Be assured that the members of NCWC, based on their history of advocacy, support measures you may take to tackle this complex issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sandra Cohen-Rose'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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The National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) has been the leading national voice of women for the past 125 years. A plaque has been erected in Allan Gardens in Toronto recognizing the establishment of NCWC as a National Historic Event. NCWC's initiatives have contributed significantly to the establishment of Canada's social welfare system, and the Council continues to work to improve the lives of women, children and society.

Cc: Anthony Housefather, chair of the standing committee on justice and human rights.