

Minister of Status of Women



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Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for your kind letter regarding my recent appointment as Minister of Status of Women.

I feel honoured and privileged to have been given this opportunity and I look forward to working to advance equality for women and girls in our country.

As you may know, my own background has afforded me the opportunity to devote my time and energy to a range of issues that are important to women and families in communities across Canada such as housing, homelessness, literacy, and public health.

You will be happy to know that our Government will ensure that no one fleeing domestic violence is left without a place to turn to and will increase investments in growing and maintaining Canada's network of shelters and transition houses, as part of our broader investment in social infrastructure.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to write and I look forward to working with your organization on our mutual commitment to preventing and ending violence against women and girls.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Hajdu'.

The Honourable Patricia A. Hajdu, P.C., M.P.

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