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March 2, 2020

Jo-Anne Dusel
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Dear Jo-Anne Dusel:

Thank you for your letter dated January 23, 2020 requesting that the Government of Saskatchewan join you in advocating for the increased safety of victims of interpersonal violence through enhanced legislation around coercive control.

The Crime Prevention and Community Safety and Well-being Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, have approached Dr. Carmen Gill at the University of New Brunswick to apply to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) for funding to conduct research related to current legislation, training and investigative techniques utilized in situations of coercive control. Ministry staff, along with outside partners who worked on the development of the National Framework of Collaborative Police Action on Intimate Partner Violence (2018), are engaged in this work and expect a response from SSHRC in March 2020. This research may inform future legislative and policy developments in order to enhance response to coercive control.

Occasionally I have the opportunity to meet with my counterparts from across Canada at federal, provincial and territorial meetings and working groups. I will keep coercive control legislation in mind when attending these meetings and ensure that Gina Alexander, Executive Director of the Community Safety and Well-Being branch keeps you updated on any new developments.

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As always, we appreciate the advocacy that the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan continues to provide for survivors of interpersonal violence across the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "M".

Don Morgan, Q.C.
Minister of Justice
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cc: Honourable Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Minister responsible for Status of Women
J. Glen Gardner Q.C., Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General
Drew Wilby, Assistant Deputy Minister Community Engagement
Crystal Giesbrecht, Director of Research and Communications