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FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS NOT A CABINET MINISTER[Name of Member], M.P./ M.P.P/M.L.A/M.H.A/M.N.A [riding]

FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS A CABINET MINISTER, The Honourable [name], M.P./ M.P.P./M.L.A/M.H.A/M.N.A [riding]

Name of Federal/Provincial Legislature (ex: Legislative Assembly of Alberta)

City, Province

Postal Code

**Object: Equitable access to provincial curricula and social justice education for all children**

Dear [Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_] / FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS A CABINET MINISTER: Dear Minister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing on behalf of the [CFUW/UWC\_\_\_\_\_], an affiliate of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) that works to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace in Canada and abroad.

We are calling on you to ensure Canada uphold its international obligations to provide education with high quality content that is equitably accessible for all children across the country.

Lack of regulations and oversight have resulted in some communities/individuals using the independent school systems and homeschooling to enforce curricula that is harmful to a child’s development and well-being. Inconsistent provincial/territorial policies and regulations create discrepancies and inequalities in terms of education opportunities as well as the social justice education children receive.

Cheryl Milne of the Canadian Coalition for Children’s Rights pointed out that the failure to “provide [children] with the educational opportunities to which they are entitled” in the polygamist Mormon fundamentalist community of Bountiful B.C. is a clear violation of the United Nations Convention of the Right of the Child.

Currently, only three provinces – Saskatchewan, Alberta and Quebec – have highly regulated levels of accountability. Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and PEI are moderately regulated, and Newfoundland & Labrador, New Brunswick, British Columbia and Ontario have very few homeschooling regulations.[[1]](#endnote-1) This diverse accountability points to the need for a federal framework to guide provincial oversight.

We ask that you ensure your party is committed to provide access to quality educational content that empowers children to achieve their full potential.

 **[NAME OF CFUW CLUB]** recommends:

That the federal **government work in collaboration with provincial and territorial ministries** through the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to ensure equitable access to provincial and territorial curricula and social justice education for all children; in particular, **to examine the disparities across provincial and territorial homeschooling programs** with the intent to review and implement best practices regarding policies, regulations and oversights.

We call on you to protect the human rights and well-being of our children.

Yours sincerely,

 [NAME OF CLUB PRESIDENT]

President – [Name of Club]

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