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Subject: Support for ON Bill 173, the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024

On the occasion of Bill 173's second reading, the Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) wants to express its support for your tremendous work in advancing responses to gender-based violence (GBV).

CCWE is the only non-profit organization in Canada that solely focuses on Economic Abuse and economic injustice in the context of domestic violence through research, advocacy and system change. Economic Abuse, recognized in the NAP to End GBV, is a prevalent but understudied form of domestic violence with lasting adverse impacts on survivors. It refers to various tactics limiting an individual's financial independence, including economic control, exploitation, and employment sabotage. Economic Abuse is experienced by 95% of victim-survivors, while survivors from Indigenous, racialized, and otherwise marginalized communities are at much higher risk.

As one of the organizations that endorsed the open letter from December 6, 2023, to Premier Ford, we are excited about your commitment to ending GBV and calling on the provincial government to declare intimate partner violence (IPV) an epidemic.

This validates survivors' countless experiences and struggles and recognizes the tireless work of front-line staff, advocacy groups and women's organizations such as CCFWE.

CCFWE was also delighted when in 2022, the city of Toronto agreed to our request and proclaimed November 26 Economic Abuse Awareness Day, demonstrating its commitment to this prevalent but often overlooked form of abuse.



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We would highly appreciate your continued support of Economic Abuse and would be delighted to provide additional information on our research findings, resources, and policy recommendations for provincial and territorial governments to support survivors recovering and regaining (financial) control over their lives.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you and your office to discuss further steps to address Economic Abuse in Ontario. Please contact Michaela Mayer to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

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