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Subject: Coordinated Action on Cuts to WAGE Funding

Dear peers,

Last week, we learned that Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) is facing an 80 percent budget cut, including a 91 percent reduction to the Women's Program. These cuts will have serious consequences for organizations across the country working to advance gender equity, prevent gender-based violence, and support women's economic empowerment.

At the Canadian Centre for Women's Economic Empowerment (CCFWE), we are particularly concerned about the disproportionate impact this will have on smaller, community-based organizations and those serving Black, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women, as well as racialized, newcomer, and low-income women. These are often the organizations doing the most with the least and are already stretched to their limits.

National and provincial organizations are collaborating to align their messaging and coordinate advocacy efforts. We encourage you to take the following actions:

- Submit to the pre-budget consultations by [completing the survey](#) and calling for sustainable, long-term funding for WAGE by **August 28th, 2025**.
- Write to key ministers [with this template](#), including:
 - Minister Rechie Valdez (Women and Gender Equality)
 - Rechie.Valdez@fegc-wage.gc.ca
 - Sabah.Khan@fegc-wage.gc.ca (executive assistant)
 - Minister François-Philippe Champagne (Finance and National Revenue)
 - francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca
 - Minister Gary Anandasangaree (Public Safety)
 - gary.anand@parl.gc.ca
- Sign on to [the joint national statement calling](#) for the reversal of the WAGE cuts
- Amplify messages on social media. Organizations like the [Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women](#), the [Chanterelle Alliance for Feminist Law Reform](#), and [Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights](#) are sharing key posts and graphics that can be reshared.

We are also exploring ways to connect this advocacy to public movement-building opportunities, including Take Back the Night. There is interest in reimagining this year's events to include a strong presence on Parliament Hill and coordinated messaging around gender-responsive budgeting and federal accountability.

The more coordinated we are, the stronger our collective voice will be.

In solidarity,
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