



Hon. Michael de Jong
Attorney General and
Minister of Public Safety and
Solicitor General

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Dear Sir,

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states that “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person” and that “Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law.

In the past 30 years the police in British Columbia has been abandoning the most vulnerable and oppressed women in Canada – the poor, drug addicted, prostituted women in downtown eastside of Vancouver. Clearly, law enforcement failed to protect when Vancouver police continually dismissed the disappearance of multiple women, and strong evidence that a serial killer was responsible. We are alarmed that the decision to hold such an inquiry has not yet been made, even after such mistakes were openly admitted by both the VPD and the RCMP.

We, the Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres (CASAC) are joining the public outcry and calling on you as the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to establish a public inquiry into the police investigations regarding the disappearance and the murders of prostituted women.

Yours respectfully,

Sarah Mah

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