



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

PETITION: Protecting the charitable status of organizations that do not agree with abortion and/or have "advancement of religion" as their charitable purpose.

To: Member of Parliament _____
[name of MP]

We, the undersigned, urgently call for the rejection of all proposed legislative changes to the eligibility criteria for charitable status as recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance in its pre-budget consultations in advance of the 2025 Budget. Recommendations 429 and 430 would have severe and far-reaching consequences for faith-based and pro-life organizations that provide essential community services.

Whereas,

- Recommendation 429 singles out a specific subgroup within the charitable sector, appearing to penalize organizations based on moral stances that may differ from those of the incumbent government rather than legal stances; and
- Recommendation 429 would unjustly prejudice organizations that operate based on legitimate moral convictions and provide legitimate pregnancy health and social support services.
- Recommendation 430 imperils the Catholic charitable sector in Canada, which is integral to Canada's social fabric, encompassing a wide range of community services and ministries, including food banks, soup kitchens, refugee resettlement programs, climate and social justice initiatives, daycares, schools, hospitals, long-term care homes and palliative care centres.
- A recent study estimated that replacing the services provided by faith congregations in Canada would cost \$16.5 billion.
- For every dollar a congregation spends, the local community receives an average of \$3.39 in economic benefit.

We respectfully ask all members of parliament not to support legislation as found in Recommendations 429 and 430 and to protect the charitable status of faith-based and pro-life organizations. In doing so, the government will help ensure that these vital institutions can continue to serve millions of Canadians, regardless of religious affiliation.

Please sign this petition to support the preservation of charitable status for faith-based and pro-life organizations across Canada.

Signature	Province	Postal Code

