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Your Excellency,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada representing almost 80,000 women across Canada wishes to express gratitude to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for its leadership in addressing the 2018 Canada Summer Job Program attestation. Freedom of speech is an important element of being a Canadian. The respect for all viewpoints, including the right of freedom of conscience is inherent to being a Canadian.

Members valued the response that was received from thousands of Canadians who were willing to join together and express their disagreement with the program's attestation. When an injustice is evident, it is incumbent on organizations such as yours and ours to speak and act to correct it.

The past several months have proven that, when people advocate for what is obviously right and true, positive change may be affected. On behalf of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, thank you. Please also thank Associate General Secretary Dr. Robert di Pede who was influential in coordinating these efforts.

Be assured of my continued support and prayers for the bishops of Canada.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Gorman
National President

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Cc: Marie C. Rackley, National Chairperson of Community Life