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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada which represents 70,000 women in every province in Canada and the military, has been deeply shocked by the recent discovery of the 215 unmarked graves at a residential school grounds in Kamloops, British Columbia. Since that discovery, the League has received call for immediate action from the federal government.

While the response to the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action* report resulted in the appropriation of \$33.8 million dollars in 2019, to organize a registry in every jurisdiction, which was positive, to date there remains the bulk of the promised money has not been allocated.

The harm that was caused by the institution of residential schools will take generations to bring healing. The League urges the federal government to move quickly to name the dear children whose graves have remained unmarked for so long. It may be a small but extremely important step towards closure for indigenous people whose loved ones need to be recognized and mourned, and to reconciliation in our beloved country.

The League anticipates a speedy and full account of current assistance being directed to address this devastating loss. Upon receipt of this information I will share with members.

Sincerely,

Anne-M Gorman
National President

Cc The Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
The Hon. Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs

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