

Monday, September 6, 2021

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Mr. O'Toole, and Mr. Singh:

Re: Women's Rights in Canada

Females across our great country have found themselves silenced by the current government about what has been happening to women's rights. We have been shut out of the discussion, and both our basic human rights and *Charter Rights* have been seriously eroded by stealth. Even the media is silent (and therefore complicit in) about what has been happening. Women from across the entire political spectrum find themselves politically homeless, and have united despite differences in opinion because we see our rights are being undemocratically changed through stealth in policy.

Since we have been shut out and silenced, we have conducted a Postcard Campaign where we, females from every corner of Canada have sent you postcards about how the changes to our rights have affected us either as individuals or females they know or our society as a whole. Let us be clear: You can stay silent on this issue, but that is to your own detriment. More females are waking up to the reality of what is happening and those numbers are growing every day. You do not get to say you are pro-women because you are pro-choice on the issue of abortion all the while removing our rights to dignity, safety, privacy, full participation in public life, and freedom to speak about *our* unique experiences as females.

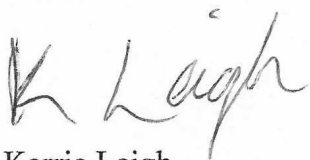
We are asking for the following:

1. Do not change sex rights under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* to gender;
2. Stop recording male crimes as being committed by females;
3. Revoke *Interim Bulletin 584* that allows fully intact males who are required to do nothing but self-identify as women (even taking hormones is now unnecessary) to transfer to female prisons;
4. Removal of all policies and definitions that have erased the right of females to speak of their unique experiences in unambiguous terms;
5. Policies must allow females to be referred to in unambiguous terms, especially in the medical field (for example, “women should have a pap test” instead of “people with a cervix should have a pap test” – approximately 40% of females do not know what a cervix is, so important medical messages get lost in translation), and;
6. Add exemptions to the *Canadian Human Rights Act* that allow for females to have separate changing rooms, toilets, prisons, shelters, and hospital rooms.

The work of Parliamentarians does not include the right to destroy women’s sex-based protections and rights, and we demand a stop to this. Females comprise 51% of the population, and we will not vote for candidates who refuse to acknowledge us. This election is the perfect time to pledge your support for females by committing to removing policies that have had major negative implications on females and strengthen protections for females.

We welcome the chance to discuss this further with you.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of Women Matter Canada