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Dear Friends,

At the halfway mark of implementing our Government's Domestic Violence Action Plan, we are taking this opportunity to provide you with an update on the plan's progress to date.

We are ensuring that you know that we are delivering on the commitments outlined in the Domestic Violence Action Plan. Our government is investing more than \$82 million in new funding over four years in the Domestic Violence Action Plan, which exceeds our original commitment of \$66 million.

Our report provides an update of the work on domestic violence done by the government in partnership with community organizations in order to make women safer from this type of abuse. Through the plan, we have invested in public education and training, in enhanced community services and in improvements to the justice system's response to victims of domestic violence.

I am glad to tell you that the plan is indeed making a difference. Two years in, the Domestic Violence Action Plan is building a solid support network made up of thousands of Ontarians. Front-line staff, hospital workers, teachers, police, counsellors, friends, families — these people and others are working to make our communities safer for women and their children.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your role in helping to achieve our vision of a society where women and children can live free from fear and violence. Your contribution and your participation in this all-out effort have been critical in moving us forward so effectively.

I invite you to review this update. I hope you will agree with me that there is good reason to be encouraged by the steps taken, and I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Papatello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Papatello
Minister