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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00106**

**BY: MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

**DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2021**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Canada's charitable sector is diverse and vibrant. From education to social support services, an estimated 86,000 registered charities engage in public benefit activities that touch almost every aspect of Canadian life. Registered charities are provided important supports under the tax system, including an exemption from income tax and the ability to issue official donation receipts for any gifts that they receive.

All Canadians should have the information they need to freely make decisions over their own bodies and have access to the medical care and services that are their legal right. Registered charities that provide reproductive health services are required to provide ACCURATE, JUDGEMENT FREE and EVIDENCE-BASED information to women with respect to their rights and options at all stages of their pregnancy. In this regard, the Government has committed to introducing amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to ensure that organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women are ineligible for charitable registration.



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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00106**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 16 DÉCEMBRE 2021**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

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Tous les Canadiens devraient avoir l'information dont ils ont besoin pour prendre librement des décisions concernant leur corps et avoir accès aux soins et aux services médicaux auxquels ils ont droit. Les organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés qui fournissent des services de santé de la reproduction doivent fournir aux femmes des informations EXACTES, SANS JUGEMENT et FONDÉES sur les preuves relativement à leurs droits et à leurs choix à toutes les étapes de leur grossesse. À cet égard, le gouvernement s'est engagé à instaurer des

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PETITION NO.: **441-00127**

BY: **MR. ZIMMER (PRINCE GEORGE-PEACE RIVER-NORTHERN ROCKIES)**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00127**

DE : **M. ZIMMER (PRINCE GEORGE-PEACE RIVER-NORTHERN ROCKIES)**

DATE : **LE 3 FÉVRIER 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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PETITION NO.: **441-00135**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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SUBJECT

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00135**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 3 FÉVRIER 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00184**

**BY: MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

**PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

**SIGNATURE**

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

**SUBJECT**

**Social affairs and equality**

**ORIGINAL TEXT**

**REPLY**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00184**

DE : **M. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE : **LE 14 FÉVRIER 2022**

INSCRIRE LE NOM DU SIGNATAIRE : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

Le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada est diversifié et vibrant. De l'éducation aux services de soutien social, environ 86 000 organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés participent à des activités qui procurent un avantage au public et qui couvrent presque chaque aspect de la vie canadienne. Les organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés reçoivent un soutien important en vertu du régime fiscal, incluant une exemption de l'impôt sur le revenu et la capacité de remettre des reçus officiels pour tous les dons qu'ils reçoivent.

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PETITION NO.: **441-00222**

BY: **MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE: **MARCH 21, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

The Government of Canada thanks the petitioners for expressing their views about Canada's charitable sector.

Canada's charitable sector is diverse and vibrant. From education to social support services, an estimated 86,000 registered charities engage in public benefit activities that touch almost every aspect of Canadian life. Registered charities are provided important supports under the tax system, including an exemption from income tax and the ability to issue official donation receipts for any gifts that they receive.

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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00222**

DE : **M. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE : **LE 21 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

Le gouvernement du Canada remercie les pétitionnaires d'avoir exprimé leur point de vue sur le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada.

Le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada est diversifié et dynamique. De l'éducation aux services de soutien social, environ 86 000 organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés participent à des activités qui procurent un avantage au public et qui couvrent presque chaque aspect de la vie canadienne. Ils reçoivent un soutien important en vertu du régime fiscal, y compris une exemption de l'impôt sur le revenu et la capacité de remettre des reçus officiels de dons pour tous les cadeaux qu'ils reçoivent.

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des Canadiens relatifs à la liberté d'expression ainsi qu'à la liberté de conscience et de religion établis dans la Charte.



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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00246**

**BY: MRS. BLOCK (CARLTON TRAIL-EAGLE CREEK)**

**DATE: MARCH 23, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

  
Signature

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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**SUBJECT**

**Social affairs and equality**

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### **ORIGINAL TEXT**

### **REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00246**

DE : **MME BLOCK (SENTIER CARLTON-EAGLE CREEK)**

DATE : **LE 23 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

Le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada est diversifié et dynamique. De l'éducation aux services de soutien social, environ 86 000 organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés participent à des activités qui procurent un avantage au public et qui couvrent presque chaque aspect de la vie canadienne. Ils reçoivent un soutien important en vertu du régime fiscal, y compris une exemption de l'impôt sur le revenu et la capacité de remettre des reçus officiels de dons pour tous les cadeaux qu'ils reçoivent.

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00248**

BY: **MR. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE: **MARCH 23, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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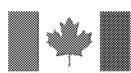
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DE : **M. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE : **LE 23 MARS 2022**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00259**

**BY: MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

**DATE: MARCH 23, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

**SIGNATURE**

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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**SUBJECT**

**Social affairs and equality**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

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DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 23 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

**SIGNATURE**

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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**OBJET**

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00277**

BY: **MR. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE: **MARCH 25, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00277**

DE : **M. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE : **LE 25 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00282**

BY: **MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE: **MARCH 28, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00282**

DE : **M. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE : **LE 28 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00293**

**BY: MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

**DATE: MARCH 28, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00293**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 28 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00303**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **MARCH 29, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00303**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 29 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00304**

BY: **MR. MOTZ (MEDICINE HAT-CARDSTON-WARNER)**

DATE: **MARCH 29, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00304**

DE : **M. MOTZ (MEDICINE-HAT-CARDSTON-WARNER)**

DATE : **LE 29 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00313**

**BY: MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

**DATE: MARCH 29, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### **ORIGINAL TEXT**

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### **REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00313**

DE : **M. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE : **LE 29 MARS 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00330**

BY: **MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE: **APRIL 1, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00330**

DE : **M. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE : **LE 1ER AVRIL 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00344**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **APRIL 4, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00344**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 4 AVRIL 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00371**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **APRIL 6, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00371**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 6 AVRIL 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00377**

BY: **MR. FALK (PROVENCER)**

DATE: **APRIL 7, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00377**

DE : **M. FALK (PROVENCHER)**

DATE : **LE 7 AVRIL 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00407**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **MAY 9, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00407**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 9 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00418**

BY: **MR. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE: **MAY 9, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00418**

DE : **M. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE : **LE 9 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00421**

**BY: MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

**DATE: MAY 9, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### **ORIGINAL TEXT**

#### **REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00421**

DE : **M. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

DATE : **LE 9 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00426**

**BY: MR. ARNOLD (NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP)**

**DATE: MAY 10, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

**SIGNATURE**

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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**SUBJECT**

**Social affairs and equality**

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### **ORIGINAL TEXT**

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### **REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00426**

DE : **M. ARNOLD (NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP)**

DATE : **LE 10 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00434**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **MAY 10, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00434**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 10 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00441**

**BY: MR. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

**DATE: MAY 11, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00441**

DE : **M. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE : **LE 11 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00452**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **MAY 11, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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#### REPLY

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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00452**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 11 MAI 2022**

INSCRIRE LE NOM DU SIGNATAIRE : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00458**

**BY: Ms. LEWIS (HALDIMAND-NORFOLK)**

**DATE: MAY 12, 2022**

**PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

**ORIGINAL TEXT**

**REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00458**

DE : **MME LEWIS (HALDIMAND-NORFOLK)**

DATE : **LE 12 MAI 2022**

INSCRIRE LE NOM DU SIGNATAIRE : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **441-00483**

BY: **MR. McCUALEY (EDMONTON WEST)**

DATE: **MAY 17, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00483**

DE : **M. McCauley (EDMONTON-OUEST)**

DATE : **LE 17 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00486**

**BY: MR. WILLIAMSON (NEW BRUNSWICK SOUTHWEST)**

**DATE: MAY 17, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00486**

DE : **M. WILLIAMSON (NEW BRUNSWICK SOUTHWEST)**

DATE : **LE 17 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

Le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada est diversifié et dynamique. De l'éducation aux services de soutien social, environ 86 000 organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés participent à des activités qui procurent un avantage au public et qui couvrent presque chaque aspect de la vie canadienne. Ils reçoivent un soutien important en vertu du régime fiscal, y compris une exemption de l'impôt sur le revenu et la capacité de remettre des reçus officiels de dons pour tous les cadeaux qu'ils reçoivent.

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PETITION NO.: **441-00492**

BY: **MR. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE: **MAY 17, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Social affairs and equality**

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

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### REPLY

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00492**

DE : **M. GENUIS (SHERWOOD PARK-FORT SASKATCHEWAN)**

DATE : **LE 17 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

SIGNATURE

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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OBJET

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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TRADUCTION

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RÉPONSE

Le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada est diversifié et dynamique. De l'éducation aux services de soutien social, environ 86 000 organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés participent à des activités qui procurent un avantage au public et qui couvrent presque chaque aspect de la vie canadienne. Ils reçoivent un soutien important en vertu du régime fiscal, y compris une exemption de l'impôt sur le revenu et la capacité de remettre des reçus officiels de dons pour tous les cadeaux qu'ils reçoivent.

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00511**

**BY: MR. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

**DATE: MAY 31, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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**SIGNATURE**

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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**SUBJECT**

**Social affairs and equality**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00511**

DE : **M. KUREK (BATTLE RIVER-CROWFOOT)**

DATE : **LE 31 MAI 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

**SIGNATURE**

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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**OBJET**

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

Le secteur de la bienfaisance du Canada est diversifié et dynamique. De l'éducation aux services de soutien social, environ 86 000 organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés participent à des activités qui procurent un avantage au public et qui couvrent presque chaque aspect de la vie canadienne. Ils reçoivent un soutien important en vertu du régime fiscal, y compris une exemption de l'impôt sur le revenu et la capacité de remettre des reçus officiels de dons pour tous les cadeaux qu'ils reçoivent.

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00515**

**BY: MR. McCUALEY (EDMONTON WEST)**

**DATE: JUNE 6, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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**SIGNATURE**

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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**SUBJECT**

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**REPLY**

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N° DE LA PÉTITION : **441-00515**

DE : **M. McCauley (EDMONTON-OUEST)**

DATE : **LE 6 JUIN 2022**

Inscrire le nom du signataire : **L'HONORABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

**SIGNATURE**

Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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**OBJET**

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00522**

**BY: MR. CAPUTO (KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON-CARIBOO)**

**DATE: JUNE 6, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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**SIGNATURE**

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**SUBJECT**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

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Ministre ou secrétaire parlementaire

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**OBJET**

**Affaires sociales et d'égalité**

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**TRADUCTION**

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**RÉPONSE**

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## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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**PETITION NO.: 441-00528**

**BY: MR. VIERSEN (PEACE RIVER-WESTLOCK)**

**DATE: JUNE 6, 2022**

Print Name of Signatory: **THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

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Response by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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**SIGNATURE**

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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**SUBJECT**

**Social affairs and equality**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

Canada's charitable sector is diverse and vibrant. From education to social support services, an estimated 86,000 registered charities engage in public benefit activities that touch almost every aspect of Canadian life. Registered charities are provided important supports under the tax system, including an exemption from income tax and the ability to issue official donation receipts for any gifts that they receive.

All Canadians should have the information they need to freely make decisions over their own bodies and have access to the medical care and services that are their legal right. Registered charities that provide reproductive health services are required to provide accurate and evidence-based information to women with respect to their rights and options at all stages of their pregnancy. In this regard, the Government of Canada is committed to taking action to ensure that organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women are ineligible for charitable registration, while respecting Canadians' right to freedom of expression and freedom of conscience and religion under the Charter.



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## RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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DATE : **LE 6 JUIN 2022**

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Réponse de la vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 6:07 PM  
**To:** Finance Public / Finance Publique (FIN)  
**Subject:** Charitable status

To: Department of Finance, Canada

Our registration as a Canadian charity is helpful, but not essential to our work. Our work is – I believe – essential to the health of our community on a number of fronts, from helping homeless people to counseling confused people and providing social support for all who want it. Our firm belief is that abortion is wrong. We will not be dishonest about that!

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views or beliefs are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether its views or beliefs align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.  
Sincerely,

Abbotsford BC

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:48 PM  
**To:** Finance Public / Finance Publique (FIN)  
**Subject:** RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

To the Department of Finance,  
I am a private citizen, with memberships in many charitable organizations.  
I understand that the Prime Minister's [mandate letter](#) instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.  
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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 4:06 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Please support Crisis Pregnancy Centres - Thank you

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Redekopp, Brad - M.P. <Brad.Redekopp@parl.gc.ca>; Bergen, Candice - M.P. <candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca>; Lewis, Leslyn - M.P. <leslyn.lewis@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Please support Crisis Pregnancy Centres - Thank you

Dear Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

I would like to draw your attention to the value and worth of crisis pregnancy centres and their services to Canadian citizens across this country.

If the Liberal government follows its Platform, scores of Crisis Pregnancy Centres and hundreds of pro-life community service organizations across this country will be at risk of closure. That will deal an enormous blow to the thousands of women these entities support both before and after childbirth.

According to Pregnancy Care Canada, a national Crisis Pregnancy organization, over 30,000 individuals accessed help last year from their 80 affiliated Pregnancy Care Centres. Over 7,000 clients received material supplies such as diapers, formula, and clothing. Over 600 women requested and received post-abortion support.

Thousands of precious children were given the opportunity to see the light of day.

Crisis Pregnancy Centres make an invaluable contribution to Canadian society, providing resources, support, supplies, information, and options to women facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy. The women served by these organizations seek out their assistance freely, and they are never forced to choose life for their babies.

Without these organizations, women in crisis would have fewer options and fewer supports for them in their pregnancy experience. In fact, most would feel they have only one choice: abortion. And one choice means no choice at all!

I urge you to support crisis pregnancy centres across Canada to maintain their charitable tax status. I personally oppose any bill, motion, or regulatory policy that seeks to penalize Crisis Pregnancy Centres in Canada.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:53 AM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Mandate Letter

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 8:05 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Mandate Letter

Dear Honorable member of Parliament, I am writing to you today in regards to the Mandate Letter dated December 16 2021 " Support the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in introducing amendments to the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations that provide *dishonest* counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status ". I must say I am saddened and alarmed that this government would target groups such as these ( Crisis Pregnancy Centers ) that make it their top priority to support and counsel women who seek them out looking for answers and guidance during a very stressful and confusing time in their lives. And then to go even further and label them dishonest just because their beliefs and opinions are different than the current governments beliefs. I hope that you will take this letter to heart and if you believe we all must answer one day to a Higher Authority that you will reflect on what's ultimately at stake here....an unborn child. Does this government or any government have the right to decide if a child lives or dies? I personally wouldn't want to be on the wrong side of this question. Thank you for your time, God Bless you and your family.

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:52 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Anti-abortion charities

Dear Chrystia,

It has come to my attention that the Government of Canada is aiming to revoke the charity status of anti-abortion charities such as the Crisis Pregnancy Centres. Shutting down these centres would be both unethical and a huge disservice to women, mothers and children in Canada. These centres provide so much love and support for pregnant women and new moms that need a little extra help. They are the bridge that enables a mother to keep her baby, that otherwise would not have had the support to do so. They provide counselling for the mothers, diapers, formula, furniture and in some instances even housing to new mothers who wouldn't make it on their own. Shutting down these centres would not be pro-choice but rather pro-abortion. I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to let these organizations keep their charitable status and continue serving the women and mothers of our country.

Sincerely,

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:15 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca; Diane.lebouthillier@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centres

To the Minister of National Revenue and the Deputy Prime Minister,

I hope this email finds you well. It has come to my attention that there are plans to revoke the status of "charitable organization" from Crisis Pregnancy Centre.

It is my understanding that this organization is accused of providing bias counsel, or of being anti-abortion.

This is simply not true.

Among other services, this organization helps, aids and counsels thousands of women who have experienced the loss of a child (whether through miscarriage, abortion, sudden death, or other means), as well as those who are experiencing or have experienced a traumatic pregnancy.

Some of the ways they do this include:

- a 24 hour crisis line, open to any caller,
- unbiased, judgement-free, confidential, no-cost counselling services, including grief counselling,
- on-going support for new mothers (provision of diapers, clothing, furniture, formula).

It would be disgraceful and anti-feminist to remove such aid and opportunity to women who need it at such a vulnerable time in their lives.

At a time when public trust in government is at an all-time low, cancelling the charitable status of a trusted organization that has helped and continues to help thousands of women a year would be a very bad move; both ethically, equitably and politically.

Please reconsider your actions, and allow this charity to continue to operate as a charity.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:17 AM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Charity status for crisis pregnancy centres

Good morning,

I am writing this email to relay my disagreement with the revoking charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres across Canada.

Crisis pregnancy centres do NOT offer 'misinformation", etc and that couldn't be further from the truth. They are a charity which offers hope and counselling, support to women in need. It is NOT the government's place to take this way from them. This cannot happen in a democracy.

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Friday, March 18, 2022 5:43 PM  
**Sent:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**To:** Charitable Organizations  
**Subject:**

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Deputy PM Freeland,

First I want to thank you for your service to our nation. Although I do not always agree with all government decisions, I respect that the job you have is a demanding one. EVERY profession has its challenges and NONE should be compared to the other. Regardless, I acknowledge yours. So thank you for what you do.

Our pastor just brought the following to my attention so I'm writing to you to voice my concern. I ask that you do not strip the Crisis Pregnancy Centre of it's charitable status. I realize that on Dec. 16, 2021 the PM wrote a Mandate Letter and sent it to the Deputy PM and that letter directly affects the Crisis Pregnancy Centre. It pains me to know that this valuable resource centre could lose its charitable status if you, the Minister of National Revenue, were to instruct the CRA to do so - NO discussion. NO debate.

Please know that I support "freedom of choice" HOWEVER I do NOT support the revoking of the charity status from the Crisis Pregnancy Centre. I strongly believe that centre should be allowed to retain it's charitable status because it is one of the choices behind "freedom of choice". It provides the other side of the unwanted pregnancy debate. *An unwanted pregnancy does NOT have to end in an abortion but it can*. I strongly believe that a woman should be able to reach out to a charity like the Crisis Pregnancy Centre if she so chooses and IF this centre is stripped of its charitable status, it will no longer be able to successfully function and be an option. There are MANY couples unable to have children who would LOVE the opportunity to adopt a child. Not all couples seeking to adopt children to can afford to go overseas to do so. I personally know of several situations whereby that was/is the case.

I have several friends who have spent a fortune to adopt as they so badly wanted a child but were unable to conceive. All of these people are VERY thankful for the women who chose to let those lives be born and the Crisis Pregnancy Centre could have been the very likely place of assistance in this process by the sole purpose of existing!

Just as a summary, let it be known that the Crisis Pregnancy Centre provides the following services, **REGARDLESS** of the choice the woman makes:

1. 24 hr. crisis line
2. non-judgmental confidential FREE counseling
3. free grief counseling due to the loss of a child (available to the WHOLE immediate family if needed/wanted)
4. ongoing practical support should the woman chose to continue with the pregnancy: free maternal and infant clothing, furniture, formula, diapers, etc.
5. AND MORE

Our church supports the Crisis Pregnancy Centre as do many other churches of ALL denominations and faiths. When a charity is revoked, the centre loses its assets to the government I presume?? That means that any money

I contributed to that charity will indirectly be stripped from me personally by the government. I take this personally and I take great offense to this!

I realize that the 2021 liberal party's political platform was "Forward for Everyone". In the liberal platform, the Crisis Pregnancy Centre was directly mentioned as an example of whom they plan to strip of charitable status and the liberals referred to this amazing group of people as offering "dishonest counseling"! My GOSH, you couldn't find a more compassionate, caring, non-judgement group of people on the face of this earth!! And what really terrifies me after this move by the liberal government is ... what is next? I'm very afraid that my faith and freedom of religion will be the next item to be attacked by the liberal agenda!

In closing I want to thank you for your time. These are terrible times to be witnessing both nationally and internationally ... speaking of which ... **notice how many CHURCHES are the organizations taking up monetary and practical donations for war-torn Ukraine!!** The government needs to be very careful of what it does because without the Church (of ALL faiths), where do people in need turn? That is yet another story for me to tell of the years I was the volunteer secretary of one of the churches in my community and how many times people in need showed up in the vestibule, ANY day of the week, seeking shelter, food, and/or money. And never once did we turn them away empty handed!! **NEVER once!** Our assistance was IMMEDIATE. We all know that government assistance to the down-trodden, IF available, is NOT immediate. Please, be aware of what you, as the government, decide to revoke and all the long-term ramifications because of your actions.

Sincerely,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 6:32 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** CPC

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello. I'm writing to express concern about our prime minister's shameful attack on the Crisis Pregnancy Centre. He claims they offer "dishonest counselling", an alarming attack.

Had I known about this kind, supportive, generous organization decades ago, I may have been able to avoid the pain of abortion and its lasting mental effects. DO NOT PERMIT THE REVOKING OF CHARITABLE STATUS FOR THE CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE! We don't all have the cauterized hearts necessary to live with the reminder of having murdered an unwanted baby. There are plenty of couples in this country who would love to adopt a newborn Canadian, rather than searching the globe.

Our government leaders are supposed to represent the full electorate, not express partiality to any segment. If there is no public debate or input, then you do not fairly represent those of us paying your salary, benefits & pension!

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 9:28 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Center Charitable Status

Good day Mr. Falk

I am writing to you on behalf of the Crisis Pregnancy Centres in Canada. It has come to my attention that the current government is considering revoking their charitable status, and thus effectively ruining these organization's ability to continue the vital work that they do.

I urge you to please reconsider supporting this decision! These centres provide vital and compassionate care to thousands of women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies. Who will step in to help these women if the Crisis Pregnancy Centres close? Thousands of women will be left without resource. These Centres provide loving care, counselling, support and even material goods to help women in crisis, to effectively shut them down will do great harm to those in the community who need their help. Please put political agendas aside and think of the very good work that these places do to help many needy women.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. I look forward to being in contact.

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centre - Winnipeg, Manitoba  
**Attachments:** Crisis Pregnancy Centre - Who We Are (Summary).pdf; Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg.pdf

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Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland

I realize your position can be difficult at times and how some of the decisions can be stressful. While I realize you can't please everyone, I would hope that you would always weigh on the side of truth and justice. Today, there's less tolerance towards those with opposing views and for some reason many want to eliminate them, no matter what the cost, which I believe is unfortunate and dangerous.

It has come to my attention that the Liberal Government is considering to "No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (like the Crisis Pregnancy Centres (CPC)) because you state they provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy."

Truthfully, the Winnipeg CPC has been around for 35 years and has a stellar reputation within the community. I'm positive they can provide numerous letters of support, appreciation, and thanks from those who have been served. As a former police officer, I worked with the vulnerable and low-income families who often rely on the support of organizations like the CPC both materially and emotionally.

My sister-in-law and niece (both volunteered at CPC for over 10 years, so I'm aware that it is a pro information and pro-women centre who provide information about the aftermath effects of abortion that is based on *research*. I challenge you to investigate for yourself that there is no false information, just a different perspective.

Here is a list of some of the services the CPC faithfully provides:

- Operate a 24-hour crisis line
- Offer non-judgmental confidential free counselling service
- Provide grief counselling due to the loss of a child
- Provide ongoing support (free maternity and infant clothing, furniture, formula, diapers)
- Please find attached two pdf. documents providing additional information.

As the Deputy Prime Minister, I realize the CPC is considered as having an opposing view to any Pro-abortion organization, but it's certainly no reason for them to have their charitable status removed. It would be interesting to have a comparison study done on the results of their benefits!

There are a number of Pro-abortion groups in Canada, one of them being Action Canada for Population and Development. In comparison can you advise me how much government funding they

receive? Can you provide a comparative report on whether they offer any dishonest counselling related to same issues the government is making against the CPC?

My concern is that our government is attempting to eliminate an organization with an opposing view. If the Government is successful in this endeavour, then who is next? The 'Centre for Public Speaking' has created a webinar on YouTube specifically made for helping us understand "It's called 'Safeguarding Canadian Charities'. Here is their link: <https://youtu.be/dvb7BJZdtT4>

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

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## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

650 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0X3  
love@pregnancy.ca, www.pregnancy.ca

Juergen Severloh  
204 782.0337, juergen@pregnancy.ca

### Who is the Crisis Pregnancy Centre (CPC)

Our mission is to preserve and foster family life as the essential element of the community by creating a safe secure environment for women, their children, and their partners. Assisting them in whatever way we can by encouraging healthy relationships and the nurturing of their physical, emotional, and spiritual well being.

### Our Director

During the early 1980's, Juergen Severloh, the founding director of the Crisis Pregnancy Centre had spent the formative years of his social service development at Marymound, a locked residential treatment institution. After six years he transitioned from there to work directly in the homes of selected Child & Family Services residential homes helping stabilize families. Wanting to work in the core area of Winnipeg, he developed the CPC of Winnipeg.

### Our Centre

The CPC client population includes people from all over Winnipeg along with people from all over Manitoba. We have seen clients from Regina to Thunder Bay, and Thompson to Emerson. Our client statistics have changed significantly in the past decade. In the last ten years we have had a marked rise in the amount of beautiful immigrant families that are seeking assistance.

Our properties are located at 650 and 656 Broadway. They are on the South side of Broadway, between Langside and Furby Streets. It is an economically depressed inner-city area that has a dense population of both indigent and low-functioning families and individuals, plus a significant number of first-time home buyers. We purposefully situated the CPC in the middle of the West Broadway district of Winnipeg. The location is central not only to poorer families and immigrants, many of whom struggle trying to survive everyday life, but it is also situated in the middle of the University of Winnipeg student population.

Although the West Broadway district crime rates are 91% higher than the national average, and 113% higher for violent crimes, during the day it is generally a safe and welcoming community.

### Our Clients

The heart and soul of our Centre are the clients that we serve. In 2020 (our latest statistics) we saw 314 'new' clients, and had over 1,200 at-centre client visits; this doesn't including many hundreds of client phone calls, emails, and texts. Our Centre had the most 'material support' client appointments of any centre in Canada; with some 75% of our services involving supplying clients with maternity clothing, baby clothing, diapers, formula, and other 'material' goods. We deeply appreciate and love the clients we are honoured to serve.

The majority of our current client population includes some 9% African, 15% Asian (Far East, Southeast Asia, and Indian subcontinent), and 27% Indigenous.

### A Few Client Quotes

"I am five months pregnant and I am struggling with depression. I am divorced, have no family here and not many friends. I have had serious depression before after a miscarriage and after having my son (he is two now)."

"I am a mother of 3, currently 24 weeks pregnant, and I lost my youngest daughter at the age of 9 months on Valentine's Day this year. Is there any way I can get some help?"

"I thought about it lots before I was ever pregnant and I knew what I would do. I know I should have been more careful but I wasn't thinking. The father wants me to have the baby but I know for a fact that neither of us are responsible enough or ready for this."

"I have a friend who has received help from you because she had an abortion. She suggested I could get help from you for counselling. I gave a baby up for adoption in 1975. I don't expect that qualifies. But if it does how do I move forward from here to seek help from you?"

"I am a 23 year old single mom and pregnant with my second child. This is my third pregnancy in 3 years. My first I had a miscarriage at my 11 week mark. I was devastated. I have gotten pregnant again now after my miscarriage. Due to finances I'm forced to make the most difficult decision of my life. I have thought through adoption but wouldn't be able to give away my own flesh and blood. Can I talk to somebody?"

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**"The charitable sector contributes ... \$169 billion.  
... employs 1.5 million Canadians."**

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## Who is Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC)

Pregnancy Care Canada is a 'best practice' Christian based, national association of crisis pregnancy centres. Since 1997 PCC has been equipping, connecting, and empowering crisis pregnancy centres to effectively serve their local communities.

Currently, there are over 80 PCC-affiliated centres nationally.

## PCC—Affiliates

Crisis pregnancy centres serve individuals and families impacted by unexpected pregnancy. Before receiving any services, all clients are made aware that the centre does not provide or assist in arranging abortions.

Staff and volunteers provide accurate information on all three options: abortion, adoption, and parenting.

Our national centres provide a safe environment for a woman to make a pregnancy decision that is fully informed, evidence based, consistent with her belief system, and free from external influence.

PCC options information is critically reviewed by specialized practitioners in Canada, including a wide scope of perinatal nurses, family physicians, obstetricians and gynaecologists, and medical ethicists. Support is given confidentially and free of charge, available to all, and voluntarily sought out.

## Who is Helped (2020 statistics)

31,717 Women who accessed help at PCC-affiliates.  
7,015 Moms and children who received material goods.  
(Diapers, formula, maternity and baby clothing.)  
1,624 Clients supported in our parenting programs.  
624 Women who had requested infant-loss support.  
(Miscarriage, abortion, still-birth, SIDS.)

## Client Services and Activities (A Partial History)

- Pregnancy tests
- Options counselling
- Adoption counselling
- Adoption information and referral
- Education on pregnancy and abortion
- Emergency housing
- Relationship counselling
- Reconciliation counselling
- Family counselling and resources
- Online parenting support programs
- Friendship Circle program
- Nobody's Perfect classes
- Triple P Parenting classes
- Building Healthy Babies program
- Fuel for Families program
- Equal Start program
- Nutrition classes
- Doppler baby heart monitors
- Infant food and diapers
- Baby Moon ultrasound gift cards
- New baby layette starter kits
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## **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG**

### **Who We Are: Our Passion and Purpose**

March 2022

**“The charitable sector contributes ... \$169 billion.  
... employs 1.5 million Canadians.”**

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#### **Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg**

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## **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG**

### **Our Mission Statement**

Our mission is to preserve and foster family life as the essential element of the community by creating a safe secure environment for women, their children, and their partners. Assisting them in whatever way we can by encouraging healthy relationships and the nurturing of their physical, emotional, and spiritual well being.

Our charity has always been entirely inclusive and we respect and serve all peoples including all races, women, men, non-binary, the young and elderly, indigenous, immigrant, secular, atheist, agnostic, and people of all faiths. We honor single parents, non-nuclear families, and chosen families.

### **Our Director**

During the early 1980's, Juergen Severloh, the founding director of the Crisis Pregnancy Centre (CPC), had spent the formative years of his social service development at Marymound, a locked residential treatment institution. After six years he transitioned from Marymound to work directly with Child & Family Services in residential homes helping stabilize families. Having always wanted to work in the core area of Winnipeg, he developed the CPC of Winnipeg.

### **Our Centre**

The Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg client population includes people from all over Winnipeg along with people from all over Manitoba. We have seen clients from Regina to Thunder Bay, and Thompson to Emerson. Our client statistics have changed significantly in the last ten years. In the past decade we have had a marked rise in the amount of immigrant families that are seeking assistance. Although statistics can be both hard to tabulate and therefore difficult to present accurately, here are some of ours.

The CPC properties are located at 650 and 656 Broadway. They are on the South side of Broadway, between Langside and Furby Streets. It is an economically depressed inner-city area that has a dense population of both indigent and low-functioning families and individuals, plus a significant number of first-time home buyers. We purposefully situated the CPC in the middle of this West Broadway district of Winnipeg. The location is central not only to poorer families and immigrants, many of whom struggle trying to survive everyday life, but it is also situated in the middle of the University of Winnipeg student population.

Although the West Broadway district has one of the highest crime rates in Winnipeg, during the day it is generally a safe and welcoming community. (cf. Addendum A)

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Over the past three plus decades the Centre has developed an extensive list of valuable community services and activities that have benefited many thousands of clients. (cf. Addendum B)

### Our Clients

The heart and soul of our Centre are the clients that we serve. In 2020 (our latest statistics) we saw 314 'new' clients, and had over 1,200 at-centre client visits; this doesn't including many hundreds of client phone calls, emails, and texts. Our Centre had the most 'material support' client appointments of any centre in Canada; some 75% of our services involving supplying clients with maternity clothing, baby clothing, diapers, formula, and other 'material' goods. We deeply appreciate and love the clients we are honoured to serve. (cf. Addendum C1 and C2)

### Our 'Pregnancy Care Canada' Affiliation

The Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg is affiliated with our national organization Pregnancy Care Canada. Our Winnipeg Centre was one of a half-dozen centres that formed and developed PCC. Our primary purpose, back in the mid-1990's was to create materials that were truthful and accurate for all of the Canadian CPCs. Being a 'best practice' organization we have high standards for affiliation. (cf. Addendum D)

Our Centre, and Pregnancy Care Canada agrees with what the Liberal Party of Canada 'Forward for Everyone' platform outlined in September 2021; saying that, if elected, the Liberal Party would "No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide **dishonest counseling** ..." (emphasis added)

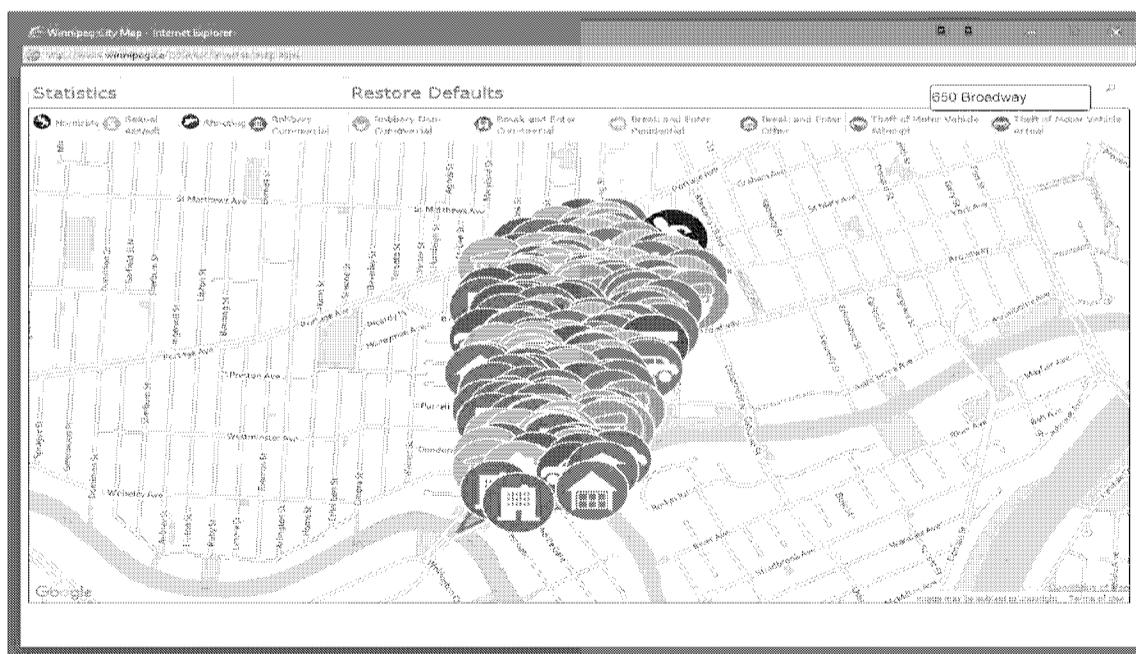
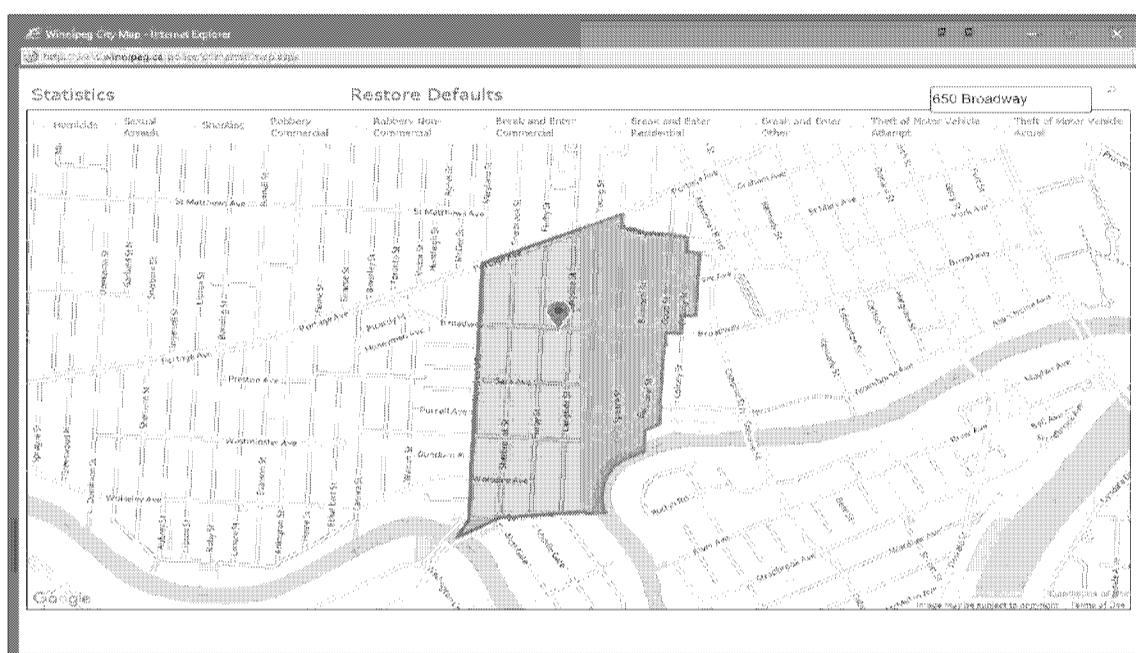
This is precisely why we developed the PCC, to ensure that affiliated centres would hold to the highest standards. Ensuring that every affiliated CPC would have policies, processes, and materials that were up-to-date, accurate, and truthful. The PCC has year-round workshops and webinars that ensure the highest level of training. Furthermore, annually, every affiliated centre has to affirm and comply with a rigorous set of standards. The PCC is restrictive in its affiliation, and not every pregnancy centre in Canada is allowed to be affiliated.

The Winnipeg CPC and the national PCC understands that we wish to create an honest and open relationship with the clients we serve. Any kind of dishonesty would undercut that relationship; rendering ineffective any service or care we would want to provide.

From our very beginnings, the Winnipeg CPC has used a simple philosophy that helps us keep our perspectives clear; we call it 'Responsibility For vs Responsibility To'. It is useful for all kinds of relationships: counselling, partnerships, parent-child, and friendships. (cf. Addendums E and F)

## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

**Addendum A: West Broadway District Crime Statistics** (Break & Enter, Robbery, and Assault)  
The rates are 91% higher than the national average, and 113% higher for violent crimes.



## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

### Addendum B: CPC Client Services and Activities (A History)

- Pregnancy tests
- Options counselling
- Adoption counselling
- Adoption information and referral
- Doppler baby heart monitors
- Infant food and diapers
- Beautiful infant clothing
- Baby Moon ultrasound gift cards
- New baby layette starter kits
- Maternity clothing
- Birth coaching
- Birth companioning
- Relationship counselling
- Family counselling and resources
- Reconciliation counselling
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- Emergency housing
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- Building Healthy Babies program
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- Nutrition classes
- Online parenting support programs
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## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

**Addendum C1: Client Stories** (Names and some details have been modified for confidentiality.)

### **Emma**

I found your website as recommended by someone. I am living on Vancouver Island but I was wondering if someone could talk to me over the phone? I'm in desperate need of advice as I am in Canada at the moment and going to be starting a two year criminology diploma in September. I would really appreciate if I could talk to someone about my options as I am so lost. I have known for a week and my mind is changing daily and sometimes hourly. Is it at all possible for someone to call me?

### **Samantha**

I just found out I was pregnant today, and I'm not sure where to start. I have some medical issues and I don't know where to go to confirm the pregnancy, ultrasounds and stuff. I'm new to the city. I need help!

### **Paige**

I found out I was pregnant on Thursday. The guy who I got pregnant with, we were together for not even two months and aren't together anymore. He knows I'm pregnant, and pressures me every day to get an abortion. I've only told a couple people and 2/5 have said to get an abortion. The thought of getting an abortion kills me inside. I feel like I would not be able to live with myself. I'm stuck in a hard spot and I'm so stressed out, I don't know what I'm supposed to do. I know my family would be so mad, one of my sisters just had a miscarriage at 11 weeks with a planned pregnancy, so she wouldn't be able to even talk to me. My child's father would hate me. I can't even imagine the names I would be called. I'm only 21 and I don't know what to do.

### **Olivia**

Hi, so I'm a little bit in a panic mode right now because I had unprotected sex during my period but it was more like spotting, because two days after the intercourse my period was gone. I was paranoid the day after because it was the first time that we had unprotected sex. I took Plan B on the 3rd day. Is there a big chance that I would get pregnant? Or not? When is it okay to take the pregnancy test? Please help me answer my questions. Thank you.

## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

**Addendum C2: Client Stories** (Names and some details have been modified for confidentiality.)

### **Jessica**

Thank you to whoever is reading this. I'm an 18 (going on 19) year old female. Soon, I'm going to be taking a test to see if I'm actually pregnant. I'm 80% sure that I am pregnant..I have a lot of the signs now and I've waited around two weeks since my estimated period day. I just really want reassurance that everything is going to be okay. I don't know what I want to do if I'm positive. I just don't think it's a good time for me..not right now. I've been really struggling with life lately.

### **Madison**

My daughter chose to have an abortion last January. I could see she hasn't been herself but didn't know why until tonight. I need to find her people who will understand exactly how she feels. My daughter is 19, she feels completely alone, she feels that no one really understands. She says she feels like an empty shell and relives her experience at the abortion clinic. She feels broken, is the way she describes herself. I can see my daughter struggling with the decision she made then, she's in a deep dark hole of depression. I need to help her find people that can relate. Any information you could provide would be of great assistance. I am hoping to find a place as soon as possible so that she can find a way to forgive herself. She keeps saying that selfish. Thank you for any help you can provide.

### **Susan**

Hi, my name is 'Susan' and I had an abortion a year ago. My doctor referred me to your centre as I have been dealing with depression and grief ever since. I felt I made my decision based on what was best for the situation I was in but ever since have felt heartbreak and loss and wish I could go back in time and change what I decided to do. I know that can't be done but I need help in finding a way to move on. The only thing I really want out of life is to be with someone I love and have a family, but I also want to be able to offer my children the most I possibly can and at the time I didn't have the financial support or emotional support from my partner.

### **Stacey**

I just found out that I am 5 weeks pregnant. I already talked to my boyfriend and my and his parents. They told me that they will help us as much as they can. I am still worried, I don't want to get an abortion, but I am scared that anything can go wrong. I am a student plus an international student. I just need some verbal or moral support. I don't want to give up.

## **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG**

### **Addendum D: Pregnancy Care Canada**

#### **Who is Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC)**

Pregnancy Care Canada is a 'best practice' Christian based, national association of crisis pregnancy centres. Since 1997 PCC has been equipping, connecting, and empowering crisis pregnancy centres to effectively serve their local communities.

Currently, there are over 80 PCC-affiliated centres.

#### **PCC—Affiliates**

Crisis pregnancy centres serve individuals and families impacted by unexpected pregnancy.

Before receiving any services, all clients are made aware that the centre does not provide or assist in arranging abortions.

Staff and volunteers provide accurate information on all three options: abortion, adoption, and parenting.

Our national centres provide a safe environment for a woman to make a pregnancy decision that is fully informed, evidence based, consistent with her belief system, and free from external influence.

PCC options information is externally reviewed by specialized practitioners in Canada, including a wide scope of reputable perinatal nurses, family physicians, obstetricians and gynaecologists, and medical ethicists.

Support is given confidentially and free of charge, available to all, and voluntarily sought out.

#### **Who is Helped (2020 statistics)**

31,717 Women and men accessed help at PCC-affiliated crisis pregnancy centres.

7,015 Clients received material supplies. (Diapers, formula, maternity and baby clothing.)

1,624 Clients were supported through parenting programs.

624 Women who had requested infant-loss support. (Miscarriage, still-birth, abortion, SIDS.)

## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

### Addendum E: Responsible For vs Responsible To (Philosophy)

When I Feel Responsible FOR Others	When I Feel Responsible TO Others
I ... try to fix protect rescue control argue carry their feelings	I ... show empathy encourage confront with love am sensitive listen-to-hear remain humble
I feel ... tired anxious fearful frustrated angry liable	I feel ... relaxed free aware self-assured peaceful love
Concerned with ... details being right circumstances the solution answers performance	Concerned with ... feelings truthfulness being genuine vulnerability honesty the person
I try very hard to make the person live up to what my expectations of them are.	I believe that I will be effective if I am kind and do my best for the person.
I try very hard to get the person to acknowledge and agree with my opinion.	I accept that the person is responsible for their own attitudes and actions.

## CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

### Addendum F: Responsible For vs Responsible To (Explanation)

#### **When I Feel Responsible FOR Others**

Being responsible 'FOR' someone means that you are taking on the responsibility for what that person believes and how that person behaves.

For instance, it is reasonable for a parent to be responsible 'FOR' their young or early-teen child.

Ensuring that they are safe and that they are being properly educated and taught.

If we try to take responsibility for an older child (late teens or an adult) ... or with someone who is independent of our family, we will only frustrate them and inevitably alienate them.

Even though our intentions may be entirely honorable, the person will eventually end up feeling unheard and disrespected.

The relationship may become so strained that all trust is dissolved and the relationship is fractured.

#### **When I Feel Responsible TO Others**

Being responsible 'TO' someone means that you are allowing the other person to remain an independent person; in charge of their own thoughts and decisions.

For instance, it is reasonable for a parent to be responsible 'TO' their adult child.

Allowing them to have opinions and make decisions that you might not agree with.

This does not mean that we don't give our opinion about important concerns; it does mean that we share our thoughts and opinions in ways that are not over-bearing or manipulative.

Allowing the person to be 'right' or 'wrong'; and allowing them to hold opinions and behave in ways that we may disagree with.

This helps the person to respect your own ideas and consider your own thoughts.

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 1:34 PM  
**Sent:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**To:** Charitable status for crisis pregnancy center  
**Subject:**

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thank you for your service to our country. I pray that you be making the wise decision related to crisis pregnancy center charitable status being revoked. I ask that you will not pass this act, for it will be taking the access to help away from women that truly need their help. I pray that you will not support the push to closing them down. I hope you have a good day and a good year.

Sincerely,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Revoking Charitable Status to Canadian Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Ms. Freeland;

Thank you for your service to the Canadian people.

I am deeply disappointed to discover that your government is pulling charitable status to crisis pregnancy centers across Canada.

I feel that your government is not giving our women every option they deserve while struggling with unwanted or unplanned pregnancies.

There are differing opinions and silencing opposition in this underhanded way is grievous. There needs to be an open address and discussion to this very critical subject so that every citizen has the opportunity to be heard.

Thank you,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 5:13 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** vote request

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**Dear Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister:**

In its Election Platform , the Liberal Party issued a blanket condemnation of all pro-life groups across Canada. They claimed: “anti-choice organizations are actively working to spread *misinformation* about abortion, putting the health and safety of young people and vulnerable women at risk.” What are the “facts” to back up that statement, as they have never been listed or explained?

The Liberals then went on to make this promise: “A re-elected Liberal government will... no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide *dishonest counseling* to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy.” Again, what is this dishonest counseling – that needs to be clarified!

It appears that the Liberal government is both uninformed about what Crisis Pregnancy Centre and hundreds of pro-life community service organizations across this country actually do.

According to Pregnancy Care Canada, a national Crisis Pregnancy organization, over 30,000 individuals accessed help last year from their 80 affiliated Pregnancy Care Centres. Over 7,000 clients received material supplies such as diapers, formula, and clothing. Over 600 women requested and received post-abortion support.

We talk about Human Rights but that doesn’t seem to pertain to the rights of the unborn child. Right now, the womb is the most dangerous place to be – not Covid, not Ukraine but the womb. Statistics prove out that more people died in the womb in 2020 than from any other cause.

Crisis Pregnancy Centres make an invaluable contribution to Canadian society, providing resources, support, supplies, information, and options to women facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy. The women served by these organizations seek out their assistance freely, and they are never forced to choose life for their babies.

Without these organizations, women in crisis would have fewer options and fewer supports for them in their pregnancy experience. In fact, most would feel they have only one choice: abortion. And one choice means no choice at all!

Furthermore, if the Liberal government succeeds in revoking the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres, what will stop them from introducing a new type of “Liberal Values Test” for all types of charities – including churches, synagogues, mosques, schools, camps, soup kitchens, and food banks? If any of these groups holds to a pro-life perspective, they may lose their status and face closure.

I am asking you to oppose any bill, motion, or regulatory policy that seeks to penalize Crisis Pregnancy Centres in Canada.

Sincerely,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 6:19 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca; Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca; John.Barlow@parl.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Please do not remove the charitable status of Pregnancy Care Centers in Canada

Thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of Canada.

Please do not remove charitable status and funding of Pregnancy Care Centers in Canada. These centers provide an essential service for women who may be in crisis by meeting their physical, psychological and emotional needs. Please retain the meaningful services of Pregnancy Care Centers in supporting the needs of women who may be in crisis and may not want to abort their babies. In a caring and compassionate society, the lives of babies in the womb should be recognized, valued, and protected, and their mothers should be supported and encouraged to consider alternatives to keep their babies alive and not murder them in the womb. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 9:59 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Feedback re: proposed amendment to the Income Tax Act

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 2:38 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** len, Marci - M.P. <marci.ien@parl.gc.ca>; Trudeau, Justin - Député <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>; Kusie, Stephanie - Riding 1 <Stephanie.Kusie.C1@parl.gc.ca>; Kusie, Stephanie - M.P. <Stephanie.Kusie@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Feedback re: proposed amendment to the Income Tax Act

Dear Chrystia,

I'm a resident of MP Stephanie Kusie's riding of Calgary Midnapore.

Thank you for serving Canadians as our Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance! I cannot imagine the stress and weight that comes from this role. I pray that God will strengthen your body and mind and give you resilience as you fulfill this challenging role.

I recently read the Mandate Letter that Prime Minister Trudeau sent you in December 2021 (<https://pm.gc.ca/en/mandate-letters/2021/12/16/deputy-prime-minister-and-minister-finance-mandate-letter>). I appreciate many things outlined in the letter, such as efforts to make housing more affordable for Canadians. Thank you!

An item that concerns me is the following point:

"Introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status".

I believe that pregnant women who are unsure whether they want to continue their pregnancy should be provided with truthful information regarding carrying their baby to term, adoption, and terminating the pregnancy, so that they can make informed decisions. I imagine you agree. I understand that the Liberal party is pro-abortion. Knowing that, I'm curious what the party and the Prime Minister define as "dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options". Does the Prime Minister define this as an organization truthfully outlining what abortion entails and the mental health risks post-abortion? If so, I respectfully disagree. How do you plan to go about ascertaining which organizations are providing false information when counseling pregnant women about their rights and options? Will you and/or your team be assessing the information that every pregnancy care centre across the country provides to their clients? Or will you/your team only be identifying "anti-abortion" centres and removing their charitable status, without looking in detail into the truthfulness of the counseling they provide their clients? Would this also apply to faith-based organizations? For instance, if a rabbi, imam, or pastor counsels a pregnant member of their congregation who is weighing her options regarding her pregnancy and outlines the risks associated with abortion, will that synagogue/temple/mosque/church lose its charitable status? I would hope not.

I appreciate your and the Prime Minister's desire to ensure that pregnant women receive truthful information about their rights and options regarding their pregnancies. I agree that is essential so that women can make informed decisions. I believe that, as outlined in the Mandate Letter, though, there is a serious risk of anti-abortion organizations losing their charitable status simply because they oppose abortion. This would seriously impact the ability of these organizations, such as the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre here in Calgary, to carry out their important and necessary work, as some donors might give financially because they know that they will receive a tax deductible receipt. Removing these organization's charitable status could result in these organizations receiving significantly less funds, which would impede their ability to care for pregnant women.

I encourage you, Prime Minister, and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth (both cc'd) to reconsider amending the Income Tax Act in this way.

I've cc'd my MP, Stephanie Kusie, so that she is aware that a constituent of hers opposes this amendment.

Thank you for your service to Canadians! I hope you have a wonderful week!

With gratitude,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 11:01 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Charitable Organizations

I am very disappointed that the government is against the anti-abortion organizations such as the Crisis Pregnancy Centre and wanting to revoke their charitable status. I feel that these organizations are very helpful and supportive to these vulnerable women and girls no matter what choice they make. It appears that the government is trying to take our rights and freedom away and making choices for us citizens. Where's the DEMOCRACY in that !  
Yours respectfully

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:23 AM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: INCOME TAX ACT

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 10:14 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** INCOME TAX ACT

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of National Defence Diane [Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca)  
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Hon. Diane Lebouthillier

I find it very troubling that you plan to revoke Charitable Status from Crisis Pregnancy Centers. CPC's are often the last lifeline pregnant women have to escape a horrid situation, fleeing from abuse boyfriends or husbands. CPC's give pregnant women hope and safety.

CPC's help women to make life-changing decisions to keep their babies. Most women abort their babies out of desperation, and a lack of support. That's where Crisis Pregnancy Centers offer a beacon of hope with emotional and material support.

I urge you not to go ahead with your most deplorable action. Please do not revoke charitable status for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Your reply is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:44 AM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: removing charity status

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 6:59 PM  
**To:** dianne.lebouthriller@parl.ca  
**Cc:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** removing charity status

Dear Minister of National Revenue Diane Lebouthillier,  
A quick note to inform I you that I am very much against you removing crisis pregnancy centres from charity status-especially on the reason of why it is eligible for removal. Apparently, both the Deputy Minister and the Minister of finance introduced amendments to the income tax Act to make "dishonest anti-abortion" counselling to pregnant women about their pregnancy and options ineligible for charitable status.

Have you been to a crisis pregnancy centre? Do you know all of the services that they provide? Would it make any difference to you if you were made aware of this? Have you ever lost a child? Do you know the pain that it brings? Yes, these agencies even provide this type of grief counselling. Amongst a number of other services.

What about the other side of the story "you must have an abortion as there are no other choices? Stop this foolishness. Government does not have the right to take away people's choices whether the government agrees with their personal decision or not. Besides abortion is a murder of a baby, Yes, an innocent baby who has no rights. Pity the woman carrying a baby who is considering murder. Which one of your living children would you be willing to give up?

Enough is enough!

All of you working together to make it easier to kill; people who have assisted any form of killing babies are going to be accountable before God one day. It is our job to inform you as we do not the blood of the innocent to be on our hands. Plus, I would like all of you politicians, who by the way are paid by our taxes to have a clear conscience before God. I pray that you listen to your heart and NOT give in to pressure from outside or inside on this horrible advice.

Sincerely,

wife, mother, grandmother  
Canadian

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Forward For Everyone

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Forward For Everyone

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:04 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Forward For Everyone

Hello Chrystia Freeland,

This past weekend, I received news that the Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg will no longer be considered a charitable organization in Canada. My family and I are familiar with Crisis Pregnancy Centre and we are shocked to find that our government had promised to remove the charity status of the centre. This is to effectively eliminate all their assets and they will not be able to provide the same kind of care that they do now.

I believe that there is much value in what they do. They give away clothes, formula, provide counselling services. They believe that the mother has a right to make their own moral choice to make when considering a *ultimo* termination.

To hear that our government believes it decimates misleading or erroneous information to mothers is a damaging lie to the public. I am shocked that this would be the case, since I believe there are competent government officials who can quickly look up the facts for themselves to determine that the claim mentioned is factually incorrect.

I find this move on behalf of our government as deeply disturbing. I would implore you to fight against this bill as you come across it. I have below the references in which I have been working from.

<https://liberal.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/292/2021/09/Platform-Forward-For-Everyone.pdf> (page 4).

<https://pregnancy.ca/index.php/our-take/>

(Brilliant Stuff).

Blessings,

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:47 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Forward. For Everyone.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:57 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Forward. For Everyone.

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From:  
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:40 AM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Forward. For Everyone.

Hello Chrystia. I want to thank you for the service you provide this country, it's never easy, especially in the current climate. I appreciate your work.

I don't want to take up a lot of your time, but I was hoping to express a concern.

I worked for 10 years with Canada Revenue Agency so I understand how well designed our tax system is, and that our Charitable Donation system is one of the best (if not the best) in the world.

That is why I am troubled by an aspect of the "Forward. For Everyone." Liberal campaign. The direct targeting of Crisis Pregnancy Centre (CPC) to remove their charitable status and the public claim that they provide dishonest counsel, without citing any evidence, is troubling to say the least. As far as I can find, there is in fact no direct evidence that dishonest counsel has ever been given by CPC. It would be a deep and painful injustice if an organization could lose its charitable status without any clear evidence of wrongdoing and no chance to provide evidence to the contrary (which seems like is what is at stake here, pardon me if that is incorrect).

Crisis pregnancy centre provides a lot of value to our nation and society, I believe they have been wrongly characterized.

I would please ask you with all humility to please to prevent this injustice from happening, if not necessarily because you support the group or even the topic, but even to help ensure our country remains one where all people and groups can have fair dealings with government and a chance to be heard. I would love Canada to move "Forward. For Everyone." including the people who support and sacrifice for Crisis Pregnancy Centres and the people who use their services.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:58 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Mandate Letter

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello Deputy Prime Minister,

Thank you for your service to our country as a public servant. I do want to let you know about my concerns over the mandate letter from the PM to yourself. The statement that Crisis Pregnancy Center (used as an example in the current government's "Forward for Everyone" platform) is giving out dishonest information about abortion is untrue and unfair. Just because they have a different opinion than the Liberal party does not mean that it is dishonest. To make an amendment to the Income Tax Act that would take away charitable tax status for organizations that have a different opinion is a mistake. This would have huge consequences for Crisis Pregnancy Centre in particular. This is not "Forward for Everyone", especially the unborn. Please reject this letter and let the PM know that it's not in the best interest of all Canadians.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:02 AM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregancy Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 8:54 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Dancho, Raquel - M.P. <Raquel.Dancho@parl.gc.ca>; Bergen, Candice - M.P. <candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca>; lleslyn.lewis@parl.gc.ca; Poilievre, Pierre - M.P. <pierre.poilievre@parl.gc.ca>; Singh, Jagmeet - M.P. <Jagmeet.Singh@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Pregancy Centres

Dear Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland

I oppose the idea of removing the charitable status for any and all pregnancy centers across Canada. These organizations provide essential support for those women that have made the choice to carry their child to term.

Thank You for your time

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:21 AM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 12:57 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status

Dear Minister Freeland

I understand you are looking at removing Charitable Tax Statutes to Crisis Pregnancy Centers because of they are presenting misinformation. Could you please send what scientific misinformation you have that they are presenting? If for some reason you are not able to present this scientific information, it would indicate you have none and contributing the spread untrue information.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank You

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 7:07 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Manitoba

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Manitoba

Dear Ms Freeland:

I urge you to support ongoing charitable status for this organization. They offer counselling and support for pregnant women.

The research shows that abortion is a financial and social drain on our society, with many woman needing long term psychological support. Our tax dollars can be spent more wisely.

Thank you,

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 7:13 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Donations status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Charitable Donations status

Dear Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Finance Minister

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In December, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau instructed Chrystia Freeland, the Finance Minister, to *“introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status.”*

Clearly this is of concern to pregnancy crisis centres, pro-life organizations, and to those who support life in general, like myself.



Sadly, Canada already aborts nearly 100,000 babies a year and also gives hundreds of millions of dollars a year to women's "reproductive health," both domestically & internationally. Even so, this should not preclude the government from allowing organizations that support and help women, who choose to

keep their babies, from being eligible for charitable donation status also. As a long time ProLife supporter, I strongly believe that:

**« Choosing life should also be supported by the government.«**

Therefore, I strongly urge our leaders to take the steps to ensure that pregnancy crisis centres and pro-life organizations remain eligible for charitable donation status.

Sincerely,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** Chrystia.freeland@canada.ca; Diane.Labouthillier@parle.gc.ca; terry.duguid@parl.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centers - Income Tax Act

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Dear Ms. Freeland, Ms. Lebouthillier, and Mr. Duguid,

I am writing to register my objection to Justin Trudeau's shocking, unfounded, defamatory and erroneous remarks under the 'Forward for Everyone' initiative stating that crisis pregnancy centres (CPC) provide "dishonest counseling" to women and are "anti abortion." It is a complete falsehood and misleading to Canadians. To the contrary, if you or others read the information below from the CPC website, they provide full disclosure on the topic, including having a Manitoba abortion provider give an instructional workshop on the medical aspects of abortion. There is no hidden agenda. It is right on their site for anyone, who chooses to take the time to read. Staff of CPC are kind, caring people. Many of them have found themselves in the same situation, more than once, as the women they counsel. These counsellors help them through every aspect of their CHOICE. The December 16th, 2021 mandate letter to support the removal of their, or other such services' charitable status under the Income Tax Act is reprehensible and a violation of the freedom of choice, which our government so frequently and vociferously places so much importance on. The irony couldn't possibly be lost on our Members of Parliament? Choice is something that the CPC clearly supports. If our government representatives are supporting and pushing only one side and removing the other, then the choice, therefore, no longer exists.

Please read the excerpt below from The Crisis Pregnancy Website:

"We always try to keep up with the latest and most precise information and materials. We encourage those who see us to research the Internet and get all the facts they can from any place they can find them. **To ensure that we are accurate in our information we had a prominent and respected Manitoba abortion provider give us an instructional workshop on the medical aspects of abortion. We believe, without hesitation, that women have a right to know everything about the choices they are making—decisions they are empowered to make that will affect their lives.**

Women have the legal right in Canada to seek and obtain an abortion. Women have the right to make moral choices about their own lives. At the Crisis Pregnancy Centre we fully understand

this and believe this makes it imperative that women also be given the right to all the available information regarding the impact that their decisions will have. Not to do so would be condescending and manipulative.

If a client of our centre obtains an abortion, we love her. If she carries-to-term, we love her. If she releases the child in an adoption, we love her. If she grieves after her abortion, with zero judgment, we will mourn with her. If she is in need during parenting, we will care for her. If she struggles after the adoption, we will support her.

We think people are awesome. We believe they deserve hope.”

Please do not support this initiate or the removal of their or other organizations charitable status under the Income Tax Act. Canadians are still in a democracy, though to many on the world’s stage it no longer appears that way, and our elected leaders are entrusted to uphold our freedom of CHOICE for everyone.

Sincerely,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 1:21 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centre

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Thank you for your part in the many aspects of leading our country. Thank you for the many long hours you put in, and the many sacrifices you make.

As a citizen of our great country, I would like to share a concern that has recently come to my attention. A charitable organization that offers so much to our fellow citizens is being faced with unfounded accusations of dishonesty, and thereby possibly having its charitable designation revoked. The Crisis Pregnancy Centre offers life-giving support and supplies to anyone who desires to reach out to them. They serve a very vulnerable group of our citizens. They offer viable alternatives to abortion, and serve individuals who decide for abortion as well as those who choose to give birth.

Also, many parents-to-be have limited resources financially and/or socially and the CPC helps to meet their needs. Many are seeking emotional support, comfort, and baby-care wisdom after their babies are born. CPC has many years of experience in all of these areas, and many other related areas.

Because of their charitable status, CPC is able to help more individuals than otherwise. The charitable status invites contributions from some who wouldn't give otherwise. As well, the charitable status of CPC allows them to use much more of their donations to directly help their clients.

I am asking that the unfounded accusations be reviewed, because a difference of opinions and beliefs does not constitute dishonesty. CPC is an organization badly needed and much sought out by individuals in our communities. Please continue to make it possible for them to care for as many vulnerable individuals as possible by maintaining their charitable status.

Sincerely,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:45 AM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Charitable Status

Good morning

Please don't shut down the Charitable funding for Crisis Pregnancy. There are many people in need. This is not hurting any of you. Let the people do God's work. We stand together as Christians to help people in need There are so much pain and sorrow going on don't take this away In Jesus Name Amem

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:18 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status  
**Attachments:** Letter to Cabinet Ministers Regarding Proposed Changes to Income Tax Act.pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 8:36 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>; minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca; cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Charitable Status

Dear Honorable Ministers,

Please see attached letter from our church.

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Kind regards,

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Attachment

April 18, 2022

Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
[chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)

Honourable Marci Ien  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
[minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca](mailto:minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca)

Honourable Diane Lebouthillier  
Minister of National Revenue  
[cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca](mailto:cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca)

Dear Honorable Chrystia Freeland, Honorable Marci Ien, and Honorable Diane Lebouthillier,

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

I'm reaching out to you today on behalf of the  
regarding proposed changes to the Income Tax Act.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the Income Tax Act so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

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To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

On Behalf of Council,

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## Hamel, Carole

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status concerns  
**Attachments:** 2022 03 W&D Letter on Charitable Status.docx

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:38 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status concerns

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 3:54 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <[Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Charitable status concerns

Dear Honourable Chrystia Freeland and Honourable Diane LeBouthillier.

We are concerned regarding recent your governments' recent promise to remove charitable status for "anti-abortion organizations". We believe that this is contrary to the freedom of expression and of religion that is protected in Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Please refer to the enclosed letter which expresses our concerns.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Warm regards,

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April 11, 2022

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland and Hon. Minister Lebouthillier,

a registered Canadian charity, is writing you to express our deep concern over your government's promise to remove charitable status for "anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of pregnancy."

Though our organization's charitable status is not at risk with your promise, we are deeply convicted that charitable status should not be linked to having a particular belief or value system that aligns with the government of the day. Removing charitable status is a serious, significant, and punitive measure. The Canada Revenue Agency reserves revocation for "the most serious circumstances, including deliberate or repeat non-compliance."

We are also concerned that this promise is a threat to the freedom of religion and the freedom of expression as protected in Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms which reads as follows:

*"Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: freedom of conscience and religion; freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; freedom of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association."*

As a Christian organization, we believe that dishonesty is wrong. However, we are very concerned that an organization could be labelled as dishonest simply because its views on abortion and when life begins differs from the government's views.

Please make sure that no charity loses its charitable status solely because you disagree with their deeply held convictions. We ask that you reconsider this promise and that you consult with those charities most directly targeted. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

On behalf of the board,

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 1:01 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Government Legislation  
**Attachments:** Freeland Letter.docx

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 12:24 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Proposed Government Legislation

Please find attached a letter concerning proposed Canadian government legislation sent on behalf of someone who does not have an email account.

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May 1, 2022

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister of Canada  
Minister of Finance

chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca

As a Canadian citizen I wish to express my concerns about your government's plan to remove charitable status from our crisis pregnancy centres, based on the accusation that they are giving false information to the women who come to them seeking help. Your government has been vague as to just what this false information is. My suspicion is that it is the prolife belief that the unborn child is a human person. The presumption that the fetus is not a human being is often presented as an undisputed fact. No intelligent unbiased person, no matter what their personal beliefs on this issue, would claim that this is indisputable. There are many doctors and other members of the medical and scientific community who maintain very strongly that the unborn child is a human person. Belief in the personhood of the unborn child cannot be dismissed like the belief that the world is flat. Medically and scientifically it is a valid point of view. A woman comes to a crisis pregnancy centre for a second opinion so that **SHE CAN CHOOSE** what course of action is best. By removing charitable status from these centres, in an obvious attempt to close them down, the government would deprive women of vital information they need to make an informed choice, thus proving the opposite of what the government claims to be: not prochoice, but anti-choice; i. e. pro-abortion.

I sincerely hope your government will reconsider its proposal on this issue.

Sincerely

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 7, 2022 8:38 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland; Diane Lebouthillier  
**Subject:** 000475 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence. I sincerely regret the delay in replying.

Thank you for taking the time to write. You may be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed.

In your correspondence, you raise issues that fall within the portfolios of the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Minister Lebouthillier and Deputy Prime Minister Freeland so that they may also be made aware of your concerns.

Once again, thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

H. Clancy  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
/Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 29 Nov 2021 04:37:46 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Accountability >>>

Dear Prime Minister,

I'm a concerned taxpayer who is trying to understand your stand on the removable of charitable tax exemptions on Crisis Pregnancy Centers when you support with huge donations Pro Choice and abortion clinics. This is unacceptable, do we not count as citizens with human rights. Many of these organizations will not be able to survive as they rely on charitable donations. Plus many donate to be able to get a tax exemptions.

Do we not have any rights as tax payers as to where are dollars go?? Please reconsider this move.

Respectfully,

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## MacInnis, Nancy

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 12:05 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 000485 - FW: January 7, 2022 MP Freeland Re: Government leaders & CRA Commissioner: Question re: CRA Act - 'Advancement of Religion' clause removal & charitable status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, January 7, 2022 7:48 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** January 7, 2022 MP Freeland Re: Government leaders & CRA Commissioner: Question re: CRA Act - 'Advancement of Religion' clause removal & charitable status

Good day and Happy New Year,

May I kindly have a response to my below email that was sent on December 23rd? I do recognize it was the Christmas season, but now as we approach the second week of January may I kindly have a response next week?

Thank you for your time in this matter,

On Thu, Dec 23, 2021 at 11:51 PM

wrote:

Good evening Sirs and Madam,

I do understand it is the Christmas season, but when you are back in your constituency office or the like, may you please update me, as a tax paying citizen, on how far the CRA is on removing charitable status from religious institutions by way or removing the Advancement of Religion clause? I believe that in spring 2021 an inquiry was made into the cost of having religions exempt in Canada - as well "Advancement of Religion" clause in CRA is being looked at in some courts from my understanding/readings.

I have been following this for years, and I do know that from the talks public talks around the particulars of CSJ program and the challenges anti-abortion agencies are facing with potentially losing charitable status, that eventually religious bodies (holding on to their faith and religious texts that may be deemed against mainstream) are to face a similar fate.

May you please provide me with further detail, or a name and contact of who would best be able to answer? I know that it is in the works and a matter of time that such measures come into play regardless of 'Party', so I respectfully ask as a tax paying civilian and as a Bible Believing Christian.

Thank you,

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:10 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre  
**Subject:** 000521 - FW: Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:31 PM  
**To:** Trudeau, Justin - Député <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations  
Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada

The Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister

The Hon. Diane Lebouthillier  
Minister of National Revenue

5 January 2022

Dear Ministers:

I am writing to express my deep concern and ask for clarification. The Liberal Party platform, "Forward For Everyone", stated that a re-elected Liberal government will "No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy."

Given the context of the Canada Summer Jobs attestation, I am very concerned at the idea that participation in the public square and a level playing field with respect to government programs could be conditional on acceptance of a particular view of abortion; in essence, subject to a values test.

If there is such a significant review of charitable status, there would need to be answers to basic questions such as

- what is considered "dishonest counseling,"
- what mechanism would identify dishonesty,
- whether the provisions are to be applied to all charitable organizations or only those organizations with particular underlying beliefs about when life begins,
- and how this would be carried out in compliance with Charter protections.

I am also concerned by the mischaracterization implicit in the platform statement. Pregnancy care centres are a source of support for many Canadian women. Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC) is a best practice association of over 80 pregnancy care centres. These PCC centres exist to provide a safe environment for women to make pregnancy decisions that are fully informed, evidence-based, consistent with their belief system and free from external influences. They respect a woman's right to make her own decision and seek to provide her with medically accurate information on abortion, adoption and parenting.

A democracy such as Canada, is founded on the premise that diverse beliefs will be respected and accommodated. Any endeavor to revoke charitable status on the basis of beliefs about abortion would seem to risk violating Charter guarantees of freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression, and as well, specifically minimizing the rights of women.

Sincerely,

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## MacInnis, Nancy

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 6:45 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 000669 - Minister cc'd - FW: Mandate letters and charitable status for pro-life organizations

**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:57 PM  
**To:** Kayabaga, Arielle - M.P. <arielle.kayabaga@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Ien, Marci - M.P. <marci.ien@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Mandate letters and charitable status for pro-life organizations

Dear Ms. Kayabaga:

My wife and I have been residents of the London West constituency for almost 50 years. I have had the privilege of writing to a great many of your predecessors on a variety of topics in that period of time. Allow me first to congratulate you on your being elected Member of Parliament to represent us in the 2021 federal election. Serving as an M.P. is a great honour in our democracy.

I still take an interest in legislation reflected in the Income Tax Act and in Canada's overall finances. This has been the focus of many of my letters to M.P.s in the past. There are many facets of our fiscal challenges in the current environment but I wish to reflect upon one particular concern I have at this time in a broader sense.

In reviewing the Prime Minister's December 16, 2021 mandate letter to the Finance Minister, I was particularly struck by the following mandate clause: "Introduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status." The phrase "dishonest counselling" is I fear so open to subjective interpretation that the proverbial truck could be driven through it.

As a long-time member of many charitable organizations, I fully agree that no charity should be involved in dishonest practices. But why does the mandate letter propose to single out one particular group? I greatly fear this may be a further extension of the government's resistance to anti-abortion and faith-based groups such as was evident in the attestation required (and later withdrawn) for summer student grants in recent years.

There are different views in society as to when life begins. I have often bemoaned the fact that Canada is one of only a handful of countries (along with North Korea and Vietnam) that have no legislation pertaining to taking life *in utero*. Virtually all western countries have some legislation in that regard. That aside for the moment, it would be a huge blight on Canadian rights and freedoms if the government unfairly targets

organizations and individuals that are legitimate providers of significant support and encouragement both to pregnant women and their families, both before and after birth. Please provide assurance that an organization will not be labelled as dishonest simply because its view of life is different from members of the Canadian government.

In short, may I (and all Canadians) be assured that no charity will lose its charitable status simply because of its pro-life views.

I would greatly appreciate a favourable response to my letter from you and your colleagues even before the next Federal Budget is delivered. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre  
**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland; Diane Lebouthillier  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the Prime Minister. You may be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and to the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, so that they may be made aware of your correspondence.

Once again, thank you for writing.

K. Bentsen  
Executive Correspondence Officer / Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services / Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 11 Jan 2022 05:27:42  
PM >>>

>>> Subject : Crisis Pregnancy Centers >>>

Dear Mr. Prime Minister: We see from various reports, that you are planning to pass legislation that would remove charitable status from CPC's. We respectfully suggest that these Centers are a most valuable resource in our city of Saskatoon and beyond. They provide a non-judgemental service to women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Their existence is largely (if not entirely) dependent on retaining their charitable status. We ask that you please DO NOT introduce any such legislation.

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## MacInnis, Nancy

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland; Diane Lebouthillier  
**Subject:** 001008 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister and for sharing information regarding your personal story. I would like to assure you that your comments have been carefully reviewed.

In your correspondence, you raise issues that fall within the portfolios of the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Minister Lebouthillier and Deputy Prime Minister Freeland so that they may also be made aware of your views.

Once again, thank you for writing.

H. Clancy  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
/Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From Received : 17 Dec 2021 12:02:43 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Charitable status removal of pro life is un-democratic >>>

Dear Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau-

Throughout Canada the federal and provincial governments fund abortions. It is dictatorial to remove the charitable status of pro-life, pro-pregnancy establishments, who do not receive government funding and rely on donations!

You are choosing to dictate what values are allowed by cutting off donations to pro-life centres whilst using MY taxes to fund abortions. This will only cause extremists to have a platform against legalized abortion. You are disallowing systems that actual give true 'choice' AND provide refuge to women who are being bullied and abused into abortion.

Abortion and contraceptives were invented and done by men for men's convenience. If you truly are about choice, then at a minimum allow these pro-life refuges be able to receive donations.

Sincerely-

Sent from my iPhone

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 5:56 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 001274 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the Prime Minister. You may be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, so that she may be made aware of your correspondence.

Once again, thank you for writing.

K. Bentzen  
Executive Correspondence Officer / Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services / Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 19 Jan 2022 11:35:56 AM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Finance >>>

Subject/Sujet : Finance  
Date : 2022/01/19 4:35:50 PM  
First Name/Prénom :  
Last Name/Nom :  
E-Mail/Adresse électronique :

Comments/Commentaires : Hello! I was mentioning an idea I had to some friends, and everyone thought it was a great idea so I thought I would share it with you.

I'm considering charitable donations and thought: if I could donate to Canada as a charitable donation and receive 75% tax credit as is the case for political parties, I would do it. So would my friends. We all know we are in a massive debt now and would like to "invest" in our Country. If I knew there was a financial benefit coming back to me through tax credit, I would be motivated to contribute and Canada would receive 25% of the voluntary investment. Call it "invest in Canada". We care about our country (and the future generations who will inherit this debt) and this is how we could show it. Stay safe and thank you for your Herculean efforts during this pandemic.

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre  
**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 12:20 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 001367 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du  
Premier ministre

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Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

K. Bentsen  
Executive Correspondence Officer / Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services / Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 03 Feb 2022 05:17:08 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Charitable Status of Pro-life Organizations >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,  
I am very concerned that your government is planning to terminate the charitable status of pro-life charities.  
Do you not respect the rights of Canadians to hold beliefs and opinions that are different from your party?  
We have a right to freedom of belief and opinion as guaranteed by Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.  
There are diverse peoples in Canada and many hold views opposed to yours.  
You owe respect to the various law-abiding beliefs of Canada's citizens.  
Do Not take away our charitable status.  
A concerned Canadian,

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre  
**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 11:50 AM  
**To:** .....  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 001369 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du  
Premier ministre  
**Attachments:** image003\_UniqueID\_7.png

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Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

A. Noël  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 20 Jan 2022 02:16:24 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Please Reconsider.... >>>>

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January 20, 2022

Attention: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

I am disturbed that the Liberal government intends to remove charitable status from Prolife Crisis Pregnancy Centres and counselling organizations in Canada. Prolife Crisis Pregnancy Centres are not dishonest in their counselling but are in fact transparent about being prolife and giving women freedom to consider that there are options in addition to the choice of abortion. A prolife approach to pregnancy counselling should be accommodated by our Canadian Constitutional rights that value inclusion and diversity as a part of our Canadian democratic identity. Freedom of conscience, religion and speech are a fundamental part of this identity.

While many special interest groups receive government funding and are given charitable status, Prolife Crisis Pregnancy Centres and organizations also deserve the right to exist as they have the past fifty years.

If these Prolife organizations do not exist that means that there will be less support available to pregnant women in the community. Many teenage women who are pregnant can feel like an animal in a trap and panic when they are not aware of how much support is available to them in their community. These women who have often felt ashamed and humiliated can feel pressured to get an abortion and later regret it as they suffer from post abortion trauma.

It is the birthright of all women to be given freedom in considering their options instead of making a decision under pressure. Please do not allow the government to take away the charitable status of prolife organizations who have a pivotal role in supporting women's rights.

Sincerely,

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s.20(1)(b)

s.20(1)(c)

**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre  
**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 001374 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du  
Premier ministre

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Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

H. Clancy  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
/Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 22 Jan 2022 05:29:57 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Families, Children and Social Development >>>

Subject/Sujet : Families, Children and Social Development

Date : 2022/01/22 10:29:51 PM

First Name/Prénom :

Last Name/Nom :

E-Mail/Adresse électronique :

Address/Adresse :

City/Ville :

Province :

Postal Code/Code postal :

Telephone/Téléphone :

Comments/Commentaires : Bill C-4 is not fair to Christians who are trying to support women in crisis following an unwanted pregnancy. Our financial help supports these women and provides them with classes helping them decide whether to keep their baby or give it up for adoption. We also provide basic needs for a new baby, like diapers, bottles and clothing. These are necessary things for these new Moms.

Please readdress this bill as I know it was approved very quickly. I don't think you realized what you are doing has caused our church to not be able to get a tax credit for our donations to the Pregnancy Crisis Centres.

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre  
**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland; Diane Lebouthillier  
**Subject:** 001376 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du  
Premier ministre

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Dear:

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. In your correspondence, you raise a matter that falls within the portfolios of the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Ministers for their information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

C. Chaar  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agent de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 07 Feb 2022 10:47:57 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Charitable status for anti abortion groups. >>>>

Greetings honorable Prime Minister.

I am very concerned about the mandate letter released on December 16, 2021 to eliminate charitable funding status to "Anti - abortion" groups due to dishonest counseling.

This is troubling on several accounts. Firstly, who and how is one to determine what is "dishonest counseling." This is a question of values and beliefs and to withhold charitable status based on beliefs is against the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Pro life organizations exist to support women. For example, Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC), is a best practice association of over 80 pregnancy care centres. These PCC centres exist to provide a safe environment for women to make pregnancy decisions that are fully informed, evidence-based, consistent with their belief system and free from external influences. They respect a woman's right to make her own decision and seek to provide her with medically accurate information on abortion, adoption and parenting. Hindering such an organization would be detrimental for women who are seeking to make informed decisions and who need support. It would also be discriminatory.

Please put an end to this discriminatory and harmful attempt to withhold charitable status to "anti abortion =pro life organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondance.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:50 PM  
**To:** da Silva, Cynthia  
**Cc:** DCU / UCM (FIN); Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE)  
**Subject:** 001522 - For consultation: MCU2022-00138 - Charitable Status  
**Attachments:** Letter - Clarity Re: Charitable Status

Good afternoon,

Please find the referral attached.

Thank you,

Zineb Mansouri

Agente de correspondance, Secrétariat général  
Femmes et Égalité des genres Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Correspondence Officer, Corporate Secretariat  
Women and Gender Equality Canada / Government of Canada

**From:** da Silva, Cynthia <Cynthia.daSilva@fin.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 15, 2022 2:13 PM  
**To:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondance.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** DCU / UCM (FIN) <dcu-ucm@fin.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For consultation: MCU2022-00138 - Charitable Status

Good afternoon,

We received it as well and it was filed for information – you may wish to refer it to us if you wish.

Thank you,  
Cynthia

**From:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondance.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:15 AM  
**To:** [fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)  
**Cc:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondance.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For consultation: MCU2022-00138 - Charitable Status

Hello,

I'm following up on the email below. Please advise if finance will take the lead for this correspondence.

Thank you,

Zineb Mansouri

Agente de correspondance, Secrétariat général  
Femmes et Égalité des genres Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Correspondence Officer, Corporate Secretariat  
Women and Gender Equality Canada / Government of Canada

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**Sent:** February 1, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** [fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)  
**Cc:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <[CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca](mailto:CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca)>;  
Mansouri, Zineb (FEGC/WAGE) <[Zineb.Mansouri@fc-swc.gc.ca](mailto:Zineb.Mansouri@fc-swc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** For consultation: MCU2022-00138 - Charitable Status

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a correspondence that was sent to your Minister, CRA and WAGE. After consultation with CRA, they believe your department be best suited to respond to the correspondence.

Please advise if finance will be sending a response to the author.

Thank you,

Alexandria Goulet

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**Sent:** February 1, 2022 11:19 AM  
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**Cc:** Mansouri, Zineb (FEGC/WAGE) <[Zineb.Mansouri@fc-swc.gc.ca](mailto:Zineb.Mansouri@fc-swc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: For consultation: MCU2022-00138 - Charitable Status

**Categorization: Protected B**

Good morning,

CRA believe Finance would be in a better position as its in response to a electoral campaign promise.

Thank you,  
Alex

## Alexandra Valcov

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**From:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <[CFC.Corrrespondance-Correspondence.SWC@fcfc-swc.gc.ca](mailto:CFC.Corrrespondance-Correspondence.SWC@fcfc-swc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 31, 2022 2:43 PM  
**To:** Min.Mail / Courrier.Min (CRA/ARC) <[PABMINMAILG@cra-arc.gc.ca](mailto:PABMINMAILG@cra-arc.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <[CFC.Corrrespondance-Correspondence.SWC@fcfc-swc.gc.ca](mailto:CFC.Corrrespondance-Correspondence.SWC@fcfc-swc.gc.ca)>;  
Mansouri, Zineb (FEGC/WAGE) <[Zineb.Mansouri@fcfc-swc.gc.ca](mailto:Zineb.Mansouri@fcfc-swc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** For consultation: MCU2022-00138 - Charitable Status

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter that was addressed to both our Ministers. After consultation with our sectors, this does not fall under the WAGE mandate. Can you please confirm if your minister be responding to the author?

Please advise,

Thank you!

## Alexandria Goulet

*Agente, assurance de la qualité, Secrétariat général  
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**s.16(2)(c)**

**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 1:30 PM  
**To:** The Honourable Marci Ien / L'honorable Marci Ien (FEGC/WAGE)  
**Subject:** Letter - Clarity Re: Charitable Status  
**Attachments:** Follow Up Letter Re Charitable Status\_Dec 22 2021.pdf; Letter Re Charitable Status\_Nov 24 2021.pdf

Dear Minister Ien,

Please find attached a follow-up letter from asking for clarity about charitable status for certain organizations in light of the mandate letters issued December 16.

You may notice the date on the letter is dated December 22, 2021, and the email address in the letter is Minister Ien's constituency address. I received confirmation today, January 25, that I should re-send to the above address. Please excuse this delay.

I have also attached our original letter, dated November 24, 2021 for reference purposes.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

s.19(1)

s.20(1)(b)

s.20(1)(c)

**Honorable Chrystia Freeland**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

**Honourable Diane Lebouthillier**  
Minister of National Revenue  
diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca

**Honourable Marci Ien**  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
marci.ien@parl.gc.ca

## Charitable Status & Pro-Life Organizations

### December 22, 2021

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland, Hon. Minister Lebouthillier, and Hon. Minister Ien,

Thank you for your commitment to public service, and particularly for your added responsibilities as Cabinet Ministers. We recognize the importance of your roles and pray for all of our political leaders, yourselves included, on a regular basis.

is writing to follow up on our letter of November 24, 2021, in which we asked for **clarity** and **consultation** and expressed a deep **concern**.

In light of the mandate letters released on December 16, 2021, we want to reiterate our concerns, and ask again for clarity and consultation.

The Prime Minister instructed Minister Freeland, with support from Minister Ien, to:

“Introduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status...”

#### Concern

remains deeply concerned that pro-life organizations are characterized as “dishonest,” and that charitable status should be linked to a particular belief or conscientious conviction.

No charity should be de-registered solely on the basis of a pro-life belief or conscience. This suggestion raises immediate and significant *Charter* and procedural fairness concerns. Likewise, no type of charity should have its work mischaracterized, or be labelled with an undefined allegation of dishonesty simply because its views are different than those of the current government. This is not the way forward for everyone.

**s.19(1)**

**s.20(1)(b)**

**s.20(1)(c)**

### Clarity is Necessary

Removing charitable status is a serious, significant and punitive measure. The Canada Revenue Agency ~~reserves~~ revocation for “the most serious circumstances, including deliberate or repeat non-compliance.”

If the government proposes removing charitable status for any charity, there must be clarity, not just for organizations directly impacted, but for the entire sector. Vague assertions of dishonesty are insufficient to justify revocation and create uncertainty as to what type of standard is applied to what type of charity.

We asked a number of clarifying questions in our previous letter, including how you define “dishonest”; what you consider to be “counselling”; and what exactly is an “anti-abortion organization”.

### Point of Agreement: Dishonesty is Wrong

To be abundantly clear, as a Christian organization and as an umbrella organization for faith-based charities,  agrees that dishonesty is wrong. In fact, dishonesty is an affront to our religious conscience.

We do not support charities that conduct their activities in dishonest ways.

We also understand that problems of dishonesty are already addressed under the *Income Tax Act*, as explained in our previous letter.

### Consultation is Necessary

It is incumbent on you to establish a thorough and transparent consultation process that hears from stakeholders, especially the affected pro-life organizations, before the government considers revoking or prohibiting charitable status for a category of charities. Less serious matters are regularly the topic of consultation, from the disbursement quota to CRA guidance documents to political activities.

### Conclusion

We ask that you clarify the terms used in the mandate letter and ask that you consult with those charities most directly targeted by the proposal before taking any further action.

Thank you in advance for responding to this letter and our letter of November 24, 2021, by providing clarity and for engaging stakeholders such as  on this matter.

**s.19(1)**

**s.20(1)(b)**

**s.20(1)(c)**

Sincerely,

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**of the Access to Information Act**  
**de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**

**Honourable Chrystia Freeland**  
Minister of Finance, Deputy Prime Minister  
chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca

**Honourable Diane Lebouthillier**  
Minister of National Revenue  
diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca

## Charitable Status & Pro-Life Organizations

November 24, 2021

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland and Hon. Minister Lebouthillier,

I am writing to ask you for two things: **clarity** and **consultation**. We also write to express a deep **concern**.

During the recent election campaign, your party made a promise to remove charitable status for “anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of pregnancy.”

We ask you first to clarify this statement and your intentions. Second, we ask you to invite stakeholders, which must include pro-life organizations, to participate in meaningful consultations before taking any other action on this campaign pledge.

### Concern

\_\_\_\_\_ is deeply concerned with the assertions made in the pledge, specifically that pregnancy care centres are characterized as “dishonest,” and that charitable status should be linked to a particular belief or conscientious conviction.

No charity should be de-registered solely on the basis of a pro-life belief or conscience. This suggestion raises immediate and significant Charter and procedural fairness concerns. Likewise, no type of charity should have its work mischaracterized, or be labelled with an undefined allegation of dishonesty simply because its views are different than those of the current government.

Pregnancy care centres provide much-needed emotional and practical help to thousands of women in the form of accurate, evidence-based counselling which includes information about all options. For example, Pregnancy Care Canada’s primary resource provides medically accurate information about all available options, including abortion. It has been reviewed by health professionals including obstetricians, gynecologists, ethicists, and social workers.

Our concerns are based on a plain reading of this platform pledge. We are, however, requesting direct clarification to ensure we understand exactly your intention.

**s.19(1)**

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### **Clarity is Necessary**

Removing charitable status is a serious, significant and punitive measure. The Canada Revenue Agency ~~reserves~~ revocation for “the most serious circumstances, including deliberate or repeat non-compliance.”

If the government proposes removing charitable status for any charity, there must be clarity, not just for organizations directly impacted, but for the entire sector. Vague assertions of dishonesty are insufficient to justify revocation and create uncertainty as to what type of standard is applied to what type of charity.

We ask you to specify:

- How you define “dishonest”?
- How will you apply this standard of “dishonesty” across the entire charitable sector?
- What do you consider to be “counselling”?
- What organizations are included in the definition of “anti-abortion organizations”?
- How do you define “Pregnancy Care Centres”?

### **Point of Agreement: Dishonesty is Wrong**

To be abundantly clear, as a Christian organization and as an umbrella organization for faith-based charities,  agrees that dishonesty is wrong. In fact, dishonesty is an affront to our religious conscience.

We do not support charities that conduct their activities in dishonest ways.

### **Point of Redundancy: Dishonesty is Already Addressed in the *Income Tax Act***

We also understand that problems of dishonesty are already addressed under the *Income Tax Act*. For example, charities that make false statements in circumstances that amount to culpable conduct (149.1(4.1)(c)) can lose charitable registration. Similarly, charities are prohibited from having directors, trustees, officers, or like officials who, among other things, have been convicted of crimes involving financial dishonesty (149.1(4.1)(e)).

These are examples of a standard of dishonesty applied with equal measure across the entire charitable sector. And, at least as far as making false statements is concerned, it is a high threshold to prove; it is a standard of culpable conduct, at least as high as gross negligence.

### **Consultation is Necessary**

It is incumbent on you to establish a thorough and transparent consultation process that hears from stakeholders, including the affected organizations, in any consideration of revoking charitable status for a category of charities. Less serious matters are regularly the topic of consultation, from the disbursement quota to CRA guidance documents to political activities.

Any such consultation must account for, at minimum: legal concerns, including respect for guaranteed *Charter* freedoms; social concerns, including the impact on other charities, the charitable sector broadly, and the communities served by the charities at issue; and policy matters, including proposed implementation, procedural fairness, and sector-wide application.

**Conclusion**

We ask that you clarify terms as set out above. We also ask that you consult with those charities most directly targeted by this pledge, such as Pregnancy Care Canada, and [REDACTED] before taking any action.

Thank you in advance for providing clarity and for engaging stakeholders such as [REDACTED] on this matter.

Sincerely,

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**s.20(1)(c)**

**From:** [Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** [fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)  
**Subject:** 001574 - FW: Charitable Crisis Charitable Status

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:13 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <[Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Crisis Charitable Status

Attention: Deputy Prime Minister of Canada:

I am pleading with you to please allow all crisis pregnancy centres of Canada to issue charitable tax receipts for generous donations.

I believe that you are Being Hard – Hearted towards such donators, specifically when their donations are being directed towards crisis pregnancy centres.

It is cruelly ironic that you are only endorsing Planned Parenthood agenda, which run abortion businesses. How can that be a just and humane decision?

I believe that I am Being Kind Hearted precisely, when I truly believe that vulnerable mothers and fathers need more financial and material support to allow their unplanned child to be born.

I believe the Government of Canada should and MUST allow every Crisis Pregnancy Centre to accept and issue charitable tax receipts to anyone who chooses to make a generous donation to help Mothers and Fathers to assist their child to live and to be born.

Please tell me WHY can it be OK for activist groups that promote abortion to receive \$M of tax dollars and groups that are pro life receive \$0. Something is Wrong in Canada.

Please respond.

Respectfully,

**s.19(1)**

## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 20, 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 001527 - [chrystiafreeland] Send us a message and we'll get back to you shortly. - new submission

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:11 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: [chrystiafreeland] Send us a message and we'll get back to you shortly. - new submission

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 3:41 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** [chrystiafreeland] Send us a message and we'll get back to you shortly. - new submission

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on [chrystiafreeland](mailto:chrystiafreeland)

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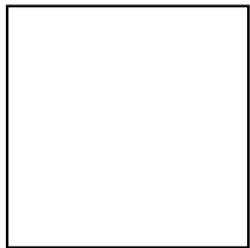
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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2022 8:30 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 001776 - FW: Letter of Concern  
**Attachments:** Letter of concern.pdf

**Importance:** High

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 9:27 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Concern  
**Importance:** High

**From:** :  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:36 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>; Ien, Marci - M.P. <[marci.ien@parl.gc.ca](mailto:marci.ien@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Letter of Concern  
**Importance:** High  
Please find attached a letter of Concern from :  
Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:26 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002038 - Correspondence on behalf of the Department For Women and Gender Equality  
**Attachments:** Fwd: charitable status of anti abortion groups

Dear

Thank you for writing to the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth on February 09, 2022, with your concerns about charitable status of anti abortion groups.

Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) is a centre of expertise with a mandate to advance equality with respect to sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression through the inclusion of people of all genders, including women, in Canada's economic, social, and political life.

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance is the lead Minister responsible for the issues that you have raised, I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with her and I recommend you also contact her with your concerns. You can send correspondence to fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca

This remains a challenging time for our country. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, the Government will continue to respond to the current situation and work towards longer term goals of gender equality and empowering youth and students to succeed.

Thank you again for writing. I wish you well.

Sincerely,

Briefings and Correspondence Unit  
Corporate Secretariat  
Women and Gender Equality Canada

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**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:47 PM  
**Sent:** The Honourable Marci Ien / L'honorable Marci Ien (FEGC/WAGE)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Fwd: charitable status of anti abortion groups

Dear honorable Marci Ien.

I am very concerned about the mandate letter released on December 16, 2021 to eliminate charitable funding status to "Anti – abortion" groups due to dishonest counseling.

This is troubling on several accounts. Firstly, who and how is one to determine what is "dishonest counseling." This is a question of values and beliefs and to withhold charitable status based on beliefs is against the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Pro life organizations exist to support women. For example, Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC), is a best practice association of over 80 pregnancy care centres. These PCC centres exist to provide a safe environment for women to make pregnancy decisions that are fully informed, evidence-based, consistent with their belief system and free from external influences. They respect a woman's right to make her own decision and seek to provide her with medically accurate information on abortion, adoption and parenting. Hindering such an organization would be detrimental for women who are seeking to make informed decisions and who need support. It would also be discriminatory.

Please put an end to this discriminatory and harmful attempt to withhold charitable status to "anti abortion =pro life organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 6:23 PM  
**To:** Chrystia Freeland, P.C.,M.P.  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** 002090 - Office of the Prime Minister - Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

B. Funes  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agent de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 23 Feb 2022 06:12:36 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Families, Children and Social Development >>>>

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Last Name/Nom : E-Mail/Adresse électronique : Address/Adresse :  
City/Ville : Province : Postal Code/Code postal : Telephone/Téléphone :  
Comments/Commentaires :

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## MacInnis, Nancy

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:48 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002242 - Meeting Request FW: Charitable Status - Letter of Concern  
**Attachments:** Letter to Ministers\_Charitable Status\_March 7 2022.pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:07 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>; diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca; minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Charitable Status - Letter of Concern

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland, Hon. Minister Lebouthillier, and Hon. Minister Ien,

Thank you for your commitment to serving the public in your important roles as Cabinet Ministers. We appreciate that as Ministers, you face many challenges, but also many opportunities, including engagement with individuals and organizations across Canada.

To that end, please find attached a letter from a collection of organizations concerned about proposals to amend the *Income Tax Act*.

As we note in the letter, we ask that you not move forward with the proposed amendments before providing clarity and engaging in consultation with stakeholders, particularly those who are targeted by this proposed amendment.

We thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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## Attachment

**Honorable Chrystia Freeland**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

**Honourable Diane Lebouthillier**

Minister of National Revenue  
diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca

**Honourable Marci Ien**

Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca

March 7, 2022

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland, Hon. Minister Lebouthillier, and Hon. Minister Ien,

**RE: CHARITABLE STATUS**

We represent a variety of independent organizations, including legal, religious and umbrella associations, all registered as charities. We are committed to implementing and promoting best practices in all areas of charity management, so as to promote honesty, trust, and transparency among our constituents and the public at large.

We understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letters instruct the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth to introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act ("ITA") in order to "make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status" ("Mandate Letters").

Any proposal affecting eligibility for charitable status under the *ITA* must use precise language. As it stands, we find the Prime Minister's Mandate Letters troubling because of their vague assertions and unproven assumptions of dishonesty toward a specific subset of charities. We believe it is vital for the government to clearly define the terms, scope, and potential applications of this initiative, and to consider the long-term impact on the entire charitable sector before taking any type of punitive action against a targeted group of registered charities through legislative change. Revocation of charitable status is appropriately reserved for the most serious of circumstances, such as serious, deliberate or repeat non-compliance, and should always be substantiated by specific facts, not generalizations.

This proposal gives rise to another concern. By singling out a certain type of organization – based on its beliefs on a certain social issue – it appears to be motivated by ideological, and not just factual, considerations. The mandate does not, on its face, seek to address "dishonest counselling" generally, but only that which is allegedly provided by organizations with a certain worldview.

If an organization's charitable status can be placed at risk simply because its views or sincerely held beliefs are different than those of the government, **all charities are at risk**. Any category of charity could be deemed ineligible or be deregistered based on the particular views or priorities of any government. Charities should not be singled out for additional monitoring or audits simply

because they hold different views than those held by government; neither should their charitable status be placed in jeopardy.

At the outset, there are jurisdictional questions at issue. The *Constitution Act, 1867* gives provinces exclusive jurisdiction to make laws in relation to the establishment, maintenance and management of charities. The federal government administers the *ITA*, under which charities must be registered to qualify for tax benefits. However, the *ITA* does not define what is charitable – that is left to the common law. Asserting that a particular viewpoint is “dishonest” does not make it so, nor does it alter the common law as to what qualifies as charitable.

**To be abundantly clear, dishonest conduct is not acceptable;** however, concerns of dishonesty are already addressed in the *ITA*. For example, charities that make false statements in circumstances that amount to culpable conduct can lose charitable registration (ss 149.1(4.1)(c), 168(1)(d), 188.1(9), 188.2(2)(f)). Similarly, charities are prohibited from having directors, trustees, officers, or like officials who, among other things, have been convicted of crimes involving financial dishonesty (s 149.1(1)). In addition, the application for charitable registration provides that “[t]his application for registration must be certified and submitted by one director, trustee or like official of the organization who has authority to sign on behalf of the organization. It is a serious offence under the *Income Tax Act* to provide false or deceptive information. The consequences of providing false or deceptive information may include revocation.”

Not only does the *ITA* already address dishonesty, it also permits charities to engage in public policy dialogue and development activities that further a charitable purpose. A charity may publicly agree or disagree with a decision or position of the government, and advocate to retain, oppose, or change a law, policy, or decision of any level of government.

We are concerned that the Mandate Letters from the Prime Minister risk silencing charities by removing charitable status for those that raise objections or support changes in law. Using vague language of “dishonesty” to remove charitable status for a subset of charities will deprive the public of their voices and perspectives in the public square, and marginalize those who support the charity. This is wrong. Charities are an essential part of civic society, regularly serving and speaking on behalf of marginalized and disadvantaged communities. Eliminating their voices and perspectives from public discourse will impoverish future policy decisions.

Further, charities have a right to effective freedom of expression.<sup>1</sup> Freedom of expression ensures that everyone can express their thoughts, opinions, and beliefs, however unpopular or contrary to the mainstream.<sup>2</sup> Freedom to fully and openly express views on social and political issues is fundamental to democracy, and restrictions that touch on the core of these issues raise concerns about the “dangers inherent in state censorship of such debate.”<sup>3</sup>

It also raises concerns about the “homogenization of private players” within a public space, that is, the charitable sector.<sup>4</sup> The government itself must be neutral in regulating such spaces with regard to freedom of conscience and religion, in order to “preserve and promote the multicultural

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<sup>1</sup> *Canada Without Poverty v Attorney General of Canada*, 2018 ONSC 4147

<sup>2</sup> *Irwin Toy Ltd. v Quebec (Attorney General)*, [1989]1 SCR 927 at 968

<sup>3</sup> *R. v. Keegstra*, [1990] 3 SCR 697 at 849

<sup>4</sup> *Mouvement laïque québécois v Saguenay (City)*, 2015 SCC 16 at para 74

heritage of Canadian society".<sup>5</sup> Requiring agreement with a certain set of views, beliefs or priorities before entering a public space (e.g. obtaining charitable status), undermines freedom to believe or not believe, imposes uniformity, and rejects diversity of thought and expression. Further, when a government targets charities for expressing views it disfavours, it sets a precedent for future governments to do the same against charities they, in turn, disfavour.

This is not an exhaustive list of concerns; however, it highlights several immediate issues. As such, we ask that you not move forward with these proposed amendments to the *ITA* before providing clarity and engaging in consultation with stakeholders, particularly those who are targeted by this proposed amendment.

As stakeholders, we respectfully ask for a meeting to further discuss our concerns. Any of the organizations below are also available for further comment on their own unique concerns. We thank you for your attention to this problem.

Sincerely,

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**s.20(1)(b)**

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid*

**s.20(1)(c)**

## **MacInnis, Nancy**

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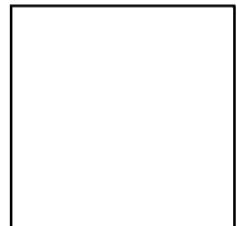
**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:37 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002456 - FW: Concern with proposed changed Charitable Sector  
**Attachments:** Hon Freeland.docx

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 12:06 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Concern with proposed changed Charitable Sector

Dear Hon Chrystia Freeland,

Please find my letter expressing concern for directives impacting the charitable sector.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

## Attachment

March 15, 2022

Dear Hon. Chrystia Freeland

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

I understand that the Prime Minister's [mandate letter](#) instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:33 AM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002473 - concerns regarding mandated changes to the Income Tax Act

To the Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Dear Ms. Freeland,

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our country and communities in your roles as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. My husband and I were both born in Canada and currently live and work in the city of Winnipeg. We are grateful for your dedication to caring for the good of Canadians and can well imagine that your efforts may have come at times with a considerable personal cost.

I am writing today because I believe you can influence the outcome of a matter that I find concerning. I understand that the Prime Minister has mandated changes to be made to the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women" would not be eligible for charitable status.

To be clear, I agree that charities should not be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways. The pursuit of this mandate over and above the judicial system makes me concerned that the government is preparing to single out and penalize groups because of their views on abortion and when life begins. Please make sure this does not happen.

Please make sure that no charity loses its charitable status or becomes labelled as "dishonest" solely because of pro-life beliefs. The government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has led our nation in expressing tremendous value for the sanctity of human life (through sacrificial measures to protect vulnerable individuals from the impact of the disease). In that sense there is common ground between the government and those who selflessly serve Canadians through charities that provide care and support to pregnant women.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter and hear my concerns.

Sincerely,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:00 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002485 - Charitable status for crisis pregnancy centre

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I would like to say a huge thanks for representing our country in your current portfolio .Immense responsibility and monumental tasks face you daily . The extreme pressure and weight of your position are astronomical in this time of great unrest in the world!!!

My concern for the crisis pregnancy centre to remain operational as a charitable status organization is critical to the support and fabric of our community to provide a safe place for women to come for compassionate , respectful dialogue about the journey they are walking. The fact that we are faith based and for life does not impede our judgment , rather it qualifies us for representing the facts about the many options women have today for making the best choice that represents them.Of course we value life greatly but we also value the right to free will and choice and with those options comes great responsibility to inform and educate women on all aspects of their journey so that they experience the best possible outcomes. We offer many more services than just the voice of the unborn( which I believe is voice enough!). The services are free and confidential, and include information on pregnancy, abortion procedures and risks as well as abortion alternatives.These services are extremely important in a diverse, economically challenged society .Keeping our charitable status intact gives us the opportunity to focus on the individual and their needs rather then the overwhelming cost of running the centre , freeing up valuable resources for the needs required.

I think it would be fair and fiscally prudent to revisit this decision. As a great nation it is our responsibility as Canadians to be representative of all peoples and backgrounds.To offer informed choices ,we cannot be inclusive by excluding all the platforms that we do not personally support . To provide people with the freedom of choice ,to offer a fair and impartial voice , to provide the option to choose is what I expect from a great nation . Equality for the people to be represented fairly is our request.

Once again, thank you for your dedicated service to Canada CA

Sincerely,

**s.19(1)**

**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 9:27 AM  
**Subject:** 002495

I am writing to you today to address an issue that concerns me greatly. I have recently been made aware that certain charities could have their charitable status revoked. I am specifically speaking about Pregnancy Care Canada and the Crisis Pregnancy Centers. I believe that those trying to shut them down truly have no idea the vast impact that the people working in these centers have on those in need. These centers helped over 30,000 men and women in 2020. Crisis Pregnancy Centers have been specifically targeted as a group that "provides dishonest counseling". This statement couldn't be farther from the truth. I personally know people who work in these centers. They are honest, caring and genuine people who have a heart for helping those in need.

Today, I am asking you to reconsider revoking the charitable status of these centers (and other centers like them). I strongly urge you to recognize the good these centers and their workers are doing in our country.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:48 PM  
**To:** diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca  
**Subject:** 002510 - Crisis Pregnancy Center - Charitable Status

It has come to my attention that the charitable status for Crisis Pregnancy Center is being challenged. As a concerned citizen and mother, I feel that it would be to the detriment of our community if donations and funding for this service would be discouraged. Please take the time to go to Crisis Pregnancy Center website <https://pregnancy.ca/> where the truth is told of the services for counsel that is offered to all.

Please vote to keep the charitable status for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.  
Thank you for speaking on behalf of life for all.

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:33 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002551 - revoking of the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Good morning Chrystia, firstly I wish to thank you for your service to our country during what I'm sure has been a very difficult term, I know that you have made many sacrifices to protect the integrity of our democracy and continue to fight for the rights of all citizens of Canada. In consideration of our democracy and its integrity, I am very concerned to learn that this government is considering revoking the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres. I am familiar with their work and am shocked that this government would use the Canada Revenue Agency to punish organizations that hold a different view which is neither hostile or hateful to Canada or Canadian citizens in general.

I would encourage you to ask this government to reconsider their stance. What makes Canada great is our ability to hold differing views but to still respectfully support individuals and organizations knowing that their values are equally important in our amazing democracy.

Warm regards,

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**From:** [Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 3:32 PM  
**To:** [fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)  
**Subject:** 002601 - FW: Important Letter

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**From:** |  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 1:56 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <[Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Important Letter

Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

] I am writing to seek some clarity on something I have recently heard regarding our current parliament mandate.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructed you as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:00 PM

**To:** [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca)

**Subject:** 002609 - Request

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Hello,

I am praying for Ukraine and for the government to know how to proceed. These are difficult times.

I am writing today to ask you to reconsider taking away charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Winnipeg. They offer so many good services to those in stressful situations. Women and men are helped who contact the centre (which they are doing willingly) They are helped in physical ways with provisions and receive comfort as they make the decision to terminate a pregnancy or continue to term. That decision is left up to that person, and that decision is respected. This organization has been respected for over 30 years and is a great contributor to our city's resources to help people.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## **MacInnis, Nancy**

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**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:51 PM  
**To:** "Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P." <fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** 002611 - (xref 001776) - FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 229286 Folder # : 1146163 Tracking # : 20690116E ]  
**Attachments:** Reply.doc.docx; PDF.pdf; PDF.pdf

Attention : Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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## Attachment 1

The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada

The Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister

The Hon. Marci Ien  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth

February 15, 2022

Dear Prime Minister and Ministers:

We are writing to express our concern and seek clarification on matters that could potentially affect our organization and organizations we strongly support.

The Liberal Party platform *"Forward. For Everyone."* has stated that a re-elected Liberal government will “[n]o longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy.” This position was confirmed and reinforced in your mandate letters of December 16, 2021 to The Hon. Chrystia Freeland and The Hon. Marci Ien, wherein they are asked to deliver on the commitment to, “[i]ntroduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status,” without a frame of reference as to what “dishonest counseling” might entail. The position, if carelessly brought forward and acted upon without properly defining the term “dishonest counseling”, could be discriminatory not only against pregnancy care centres, which we support, but also against the churches we represent, and other faith-based organizations.

When looked at in the context of the Canada Summer Jobs Attestations in recent years, we are very concerned by the idea that participation in the public square and a level playing field with respect to government programs could be conditional on acceptance of a particular view of abortion—in essence, could be subjected to a values test. Charitable activities themselves, which advance religious beliefs that may disagree with abortion, should never be subject to a test that risks the loss of charitable status simply because those religious beliefs are held. Hence, the need for a proper and limited definition of “dishonest counseling”.

If there is such a significant review of charitable status, there would need to be answers to basic

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A liberal democracy such as Canada is founded on the premise that diverse beliefs will be respected and accommodated. An endeavour to revoke charitable status on the basis of beliefs about abortion would clearly risk violating Charter guarantees of freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion, and expression.

We respectfully request to be included in consultations on changes to charitable status and the *Income Tax Act*.

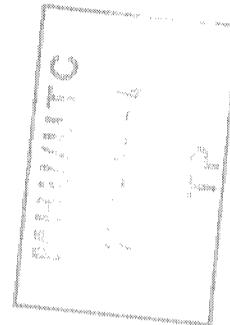
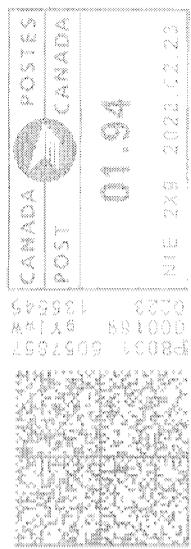
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## Attachment 2

**Fax**

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To: The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau From:

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Fax: 613-941-6900 Pages: 2 + cover sheet

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Phone: n/a Date: 23 February, 2022

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Re: "Forward. For Everyone." CC: nil

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## **Charlebois, Noemy**

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**De:** CORR, VCC  
**Envoyé:** 23 février 2022 14:56  
**À:** Executive Correspondence Services / Services de la correspondance de la haute direction (PCO/BCP)  
**Objet:** FW: IC Fax: Incoming Fax from  
**Pièces jointes:** Fax\_20220223195558Z.PDF; ATT00001.txt

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From: i3service\_PCO@vcc.myrb.ca  
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:55:58 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)  
To: CORR, VCC  
Subject: IC Fax: Incoming Fax from

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## Attachment 3

March 15, 2022

Dear [redacted]

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of February 15, 2022, in relation to charity status.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister. You may be assured that your comments, [redacted]  
have been carefully reviewed.

I note that you have also addressed your correspondence to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. While the Prime Minister appreciates being made aware of your concerns, he will leave the matter to be considered by Deputy Prime Minister Freeland.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A. Oldford  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 10:10 AM  
**To:** [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca)  
**Subject:** 002615 - Charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy centres

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Hello,

I just want to write and express my opinion on the removal of charitable status for centres such as the Crisis Pregnancy centres. Please do not revoke their charitable status. Centres such as these help the women who have decided they want to keep their babies. Don't those women matter? Don't they deserve support in their efforts to preserve life? These centres are not telling women what to do, just supporting them if they, themselves, have chosen life.

Please consider the needs of the entire population – not just those who have decided on abortion.

Sincerely,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 10:21 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002618 - Pregnancy Care Centres' Charitable Status

Good evening Deputy Prime Minister Ms. Freeland.

I am emailing in concern for the legislation concerning the removal of charitable status of Pregnancy Care Centre's in Canada. This information is concerning when our democratic government feels they have the power to make choices on behalf of Canadians by taking away those personal choices.

It seems women are allowed to freely choose abortion and the government is willing to applaud these decisions and help in ways to make this possible by supporting abortion support agencies but when a woman wants to seek other options (keeping her baby or adoption) like through a Pregnancy Care Centre and wants the ability to make decisions they feel are important to their situation in a time of a pregnancy this now becomes "dishonest counseling to pregnant women". Words of our own Prime Minister.

What does the government decide to do? Remove their charitable status. My guess is that those suggesting this decision have not set foot in a Pregnancy Care Centre or taken the time to learn what this agency all involves. If no one has it's a shame you feel you can make this decision. Have you personally talked to women who have used the services at a Centre? If the answer is also no that's another shame.

This decision to take away the charitable status is quite personal to me since without the availability of the Pregnancy Care Centre an unplanned pregnancy could have been much more devastating and scary. My daughter became pregnant at the age of 15. This was not an easy situation to go through. My daughter was adamant that she was keeping the child and the baby's father was in agreement. This was not solely a religious decision (Pregnancy Care Centres are not only used by religious sectors of the population in case you were not aware of that). Thankfully there was a Pregnancy Care Centre in our area and they walked my daughter through the difficult journey of being a teen parent whatever that looked like in her situation. They never pressured her to make any decisions. They listened, they supported and supplied her with items she needed. This was such a vital resource.

My daughter was fortunate to have a family to also support her but not every person has that support system and the workers at these centres become that support. How can you think of taking this option away from those that need it so badly.

Hopefully you are also aware that if a woman has had an abortion and is struggling with that decision, Pregnancy Care Centre helps these women with an unbiased, non-judgemental setting and support staff.

Everyday there are girls/women who are confronted with tough decisions in regards to a pregnancy. The woman who chooses to abort her baby - her decision - should not have more government approved services than a woman who is struggling with the decision - also her decision - to keep her baby.

There is never a time that there should be the ability to take away any available services that can help a woman make a personal decision based on her choice.

Your government has a wrong impression of the Pregnancy Care Centres. Allowing women to make their own choices for themselves and the people they want to walk that journey with them is what a free democratic society is and people should be able to choose whichever services they are needing.

Which other charitable organizations will be next if this is allowed? Is this an attack on religion? On other organizations that don't meet the government's approval? Is abortion the only 'approved' choice? Shouldn't having a baby also be a choice? This is a fine line being crossed.

Please rethink the decision you are considering in regards to removing the charitable status of Pregnancy Care Centres in Canada.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Hamel, Carole

**From:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 6:37 PM  
**Sent:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**To:** 002620 - Blessings to you and your colleagues from Winnipeg  
**Subject:**

Dear Chrystia Freeland, congratulations on your direct involvement and your government's support to Ukraine.

I enjoy my freedom and the  
democracy, which is very few in the world now a days. Keep up the great work you are doing for all Canadians.

I am emailing to raise one concern I have over the plan to remove charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada. Please note that this is a great organization doing honest work for over 40K Canadians in need. They offer non-judgemental confidential free counselling service, grief counselling due to the loss of a child and provide ongoing support for the very same people that are severely impacted.

Thank you in advance for reconsidering the status change for the Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada.

May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:58 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002623 - Re non funding of crisis pregnancy centres

Dear Chrystia Freeland,

I would like to express my disappointment in the decision to no longer financially support the crisis pregnancy centres. They are an integral part of the support for women choosing to proceed with their pregnancy. I would like to see this institution continue to support women who desire to bring the pregnancy to term. Please reconsider this decision and give women the help and support they deserve at a critical time. Life is precious.

Thank you,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 10:22 AM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002624 - CPC Decision

To the Honorable Chrystia Freeland:

This is to ask you to reconsider and revoke the plan to cancel the charitable status of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Canada. To do so would be to remove a necessary alternate service to many distressed women seeking help from unwanted pregnancies. It is completely uninformed and untrue to say that these centers do anything but good to the clients who are seeking help. They support hundreds of women seeking help, and provide for the practical needs of them and their babies.

Further, their service to women is founded on respect and empathy, and based on scientific facts, just the opposite of what your government states:

*Our national centres provide a safe environment for a woman to make a pregnancy decision that is fully informed, evidence based, consistent with her belief system, and free from external influence.*

In light of the evidence to the contrary of what your government has judged the CPCs to be, surely you will reconsider for the sake of women in Canada seeking this necessary service.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

## **MacInnis, Nancy**

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**From:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:06 PM  
**Sent:**  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca; Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca  
**Cc:** candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca  
**Subject:** 002646 - Pregnancy Crisis Centre Charitable Status

I write in response to the attempts to remove charitable status from organizations like Pregnancy Crisis Centre.

Your right is wrong, my rights you don't care about, and the unborn babies, the most vulnerable of vulnerable citizens of Canada you wipe out like ants on the sidewalk. And you celebrate this as political wins in social reform.

Dishonest counseling is the breeding ground that feeds your deception and lies that you promote targeting and slandering the kind and caring individuals who offer honest front-line care and compassion. I dare you to go and tell a mother to kill their baby, let that weight be on your hearts. It is the same way the government empowered the genocide of indigenous children and in years to come, you will have to pay for the murders on your hand.

But then to remove and disable those caring for the hurting mothers by removing their charitable status. Are you serious? You are just removing any hope of support from mothers who already are facing challenges and hurt. The only remaining support they get is the advocates of baby killings.

You have no right, you may not remove the status of charity from organizations that care for hurting mothers. You claim to be in favor of supporting the vulnerable and yet you only select what is good for your campaign pockets. Your permissions continue to put more and more babies into the mass unmarked graves with no names and you continue to not only ignore it but continue to promote it and celebrate it.

No more! Stop it. EVERY CHILD MATTERS!!! I will never accept your agenda to murder babies!

Canadian Citizen

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## **MacInnis, Nancy**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Cc:** candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca; don.plett@sen.parl.gc.ca; terry.duguid@parl.gc.ca; diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca  
**Subject:** 002647 - Letter re charitable status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres in Canada

Dear Miss Freeland,

First, I want to thank you for your service and for your representation of Canadians in Parliament. This is a leadership role that is very important to the welfare of our country and its people and I trust you take it seriously or you would not be there.

I am reaching out as I am deeply upset about the governments threat that the CRA will no longer provide charitable status to anti-abortion organizations like Crisis Pregnancy centres claiming they provide "dishonest" counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy. I am deeply offended by the wording of this and it's blasphemy towards these very important charitable organizations that help young mothers.

Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada are Christian organizations that walk alongside women (and their unborn babies) who are going through a very personal and challenging situation. They provide a FREE 24 hour crisis line, offer non-judgemental confidential free counselling services, provide grief counselling due to the loss of a child, and provide ongoing support such as infant clothing formula diapers and furniture. They are a one stop shop for women going through pregnancy and we need to keep them for the future health of our nation.

Many women who find themselves in these circumstances have nowhere to turn and they need compassionate loving support and help that the people in these centres provide. Having experienced an abortion personally, the only option I was given was to kill the baby and I regret it to this day. I didn't feel I had any other options. I had no one to turn to. No one to talk to. I wish I had known about this type of organization when I was going through my dilemma. For five years I suffered mentally, spiritually, and physically. Even had I still gone ahead with my decision, I at least would've had someone to talk to and to walk me through the pain and the mental health challenges. Women need options. This is one of the most important choices a woman will make in her lifetime. Women have feelings and when you are pregnant you feel the life inside of you. Just , "get an abortion" should not be the only choice. This is a very personal journey in which friendships and people and support are needed. To be taking the charitable status away from these organizations is a crime and a shame.

Our government needs to wake up and start realizing that they are a government for the PEOPLE. And we need to start standing up and working and helping our people in more compassionate and loving ways. We are not a one-size fits all group. We are not robots. I have watched government mandates try to slowly strip away individual humanity from its day-to-day activities. Yet, individual humanity is the very reason why you are in your position. To protect it, to nurture it and to help each person in it succeed and achieve their absolute best. Because if the individual succeeds we all succeed.

I ask that you not allow a bill to take away charitable status pass and that these Crisis Pregnancy Centres continue to be able to operate under a charitable status to help women in need.

Sincerely,

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CC. Candace Bergen, Don Plett, Diane Lebouthillier, Terry Duguid

## **MacInnis, Nancy**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca; chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002648 - Status of charitable organizations

Dear members of the government,

I know that governing a nation must be a challenging quest, there are always people at opposite ends of every issue. Charities is one of these. Most charities are of intrinsic importance to our communities and our nation. Generally their value to their respective communities far outweigh the tax benefits that their contributors receive.

One example of this is Crisis Pregnancy Centers. This charity is staffed by many volunteers who selflessly serve women who are struggling with various issues including a pregnancy or caring for a baby. If all their service was funneled through Child and Family Services, the cost to the government would be significant. Just the other day I heard that the manager of the Winnipeg center was closing up for the day and he noticed a couple at the door. He inquired as to what they wanted and the reply was they desperately needed diapers and formula. He immediately served them and added a few chocolate bars. That is compassion and loving care.

Yes, there are philosophical reasons for revoking a charitable status but there are far greater reasons for maintaining and encouraging organizations like CPC to continue to serve the public and the underprivileged in society,

I hope that the rumor I heard of the revoking the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Center is totally false, but if true, please reconsider because its value to the community far exceeds any cost that the government occurs in maintaining its charitable status. After all, we are all Canadians and all deserve to receive the full benefit of being a Canadian.

A Canadian,

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## Charron, Marc

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 2:22 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002672 - FW: Charitable Organizations

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:40 PM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Charitable Organizations

**From:**

**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:06 PM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>

**Subject:** Charitable Organizations

First I would like to say how horrified I am over the conflict in Ukraine. I realize that you have personal contacts with this country and my thoughts and prayers go out to you over this conflict. It is a conflict that should never have happened.

I would like to discuss the situation concerning “Crisis Pregnancy Centres” across Canada, and particularly the one in Winnipeg. I understand that they are about to lose their Charitable Certification.

I realize that the Government has a lot on its plate dealing with both the national and the international situation; however, I strongly believe that Crisis Pregnancy is one organization which is doing a service which is not provided by any other group.

Crisis council pregnant women on alternative solutions other than abortion. They do not “hit them across the head” to convince them to keep their babies, they discuss with mothers to be what their options are, and support through numerous items (diapers, baby formula, baby toys, etc.) those mothers who choose to keep their child. Another option discussed is adoption, and I know that there are a lot of women looking to adopt newborn babies.

As I understand it, over 16,000 babies are aborted each year, that is 16,000 possible productive citizens of this country. I wonder what the financial contribution to the tax base of our country an additional 16,000 people would make. OK, I admit that despite counselling some women would still decide to abort their babies, but at the same time if 50% of women counselled keep their child that is still 8,000 new Canadian citizens contributing to the economy.

I urge you not to taking away this organizations Charitable Certification. They do so much good work and should be encouraged in this work.

March 13, 2022

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## Charron, Marc

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:25 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002674 - FW: Charitable Status at Issue In The Federal Election

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:12 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status at Issue In The Federal Election

**From:**   
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:18 PM  
**To:** Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status at Issue In The Federal Election

Hi

I would like to thank you for the work that you do I am proud to reside here in Canada as a Canadian citizen. I am emailing you after the following statement was brought to my attention today that the registered charitable status of pro life groups specifically crisis pregnancy centers are being held in question and revoking that charitable status is on the table. government will no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy."

The direction and support I received with pregnancy distress and family support services was one I still hold dear to my heart to this day.

I would not be where I am if it were not for my faith and the direction and support of pregnancy distress and family support services. I know that I am only one of the thousands that have been impacted and forever changed by the work that this charitable organization does. I would ask you to consider how stripping this organization of its charitable status would impact the community and the people who they serve each day , now and in the years to come. Thank you very much for your time

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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:29 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002677 - FW: So much to talk about

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 7:46 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: So much to talk about

-----Original Message-----

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:12 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: So much to talk about

Dear Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

I believe it is no coincidence that you are the deputy prime minister for such a time as this. I am proud to see you lead our country in supporting the Ukrainian people through this unfortunately preceded time. Your understanding of the long and mired past of the conflicted region will serve you and us well. Thank you for your service.

With that being said, I will get to the purpose of my letter. As I understand the situation, you and your governing political party are considering passing legislation that would strip the organization entitled "Crisis Pregnancy Center" of its charitable status. Before I go on, I would like to address your current "eye roll" and thoughts of "another social conservation trying to re-nag anti-abortion laws". Unlike many you would find in my corner of the world and for sure line of work, I have voted for the Liberal party in the past, that being Justin Trudeau's sunny ways campaign. I would describe myself as a perpetual swing vote. Back to the topic at hand. Specifically, Crisis Pregnancy Center does not promote anti-abortion. They help women who find themselves in a difficult time of life; explaining and educating women on their options. To put it in different words, they are for caring for women not against abortion. There is a difference.

I am sharing this concern not as a supporter of Crisis Pregnancy Center. I have never been a part of or financial supporter of it in any shape or form. Rather, I am a supporter of it in the future, especially if our government passes legislation banning its charitable donation status. My hope is that this will resonate with you. Canadians are noticing that when our values do not line up with that of the current governments, they seem to be viewed as "unacceptable". Please have the foresight to make room for varying views within the rule of law. Please have the foresight to keep our beloved country free land, Ms. Freeland.

Thank you for your time and I wish you all the best as you continue to lead our country.

Sincerely,

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## Charron, Marc

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:44 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002678 - FW: DPM Web Site Comments - Finance

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:20 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: DPM Web Site Comments - Finance

Subject/Sujet : Finance

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Telephone/Téléphone :

Comments/Commentaires : Thank you for

your service.

I am addressing the issue that concerns me and my family.

The mandate letter from the PM office to revenue canada that instructs them to remove Charitable status for an organization that provides a different voice for women who dont want to have an abortion. I understand that removing or labelling Crises Pregnancy Centers as a problem and therefore remove its charitable status is an underhanded way of controlling people by the limiting the open discussion and advices that can be offered in "abortion councilling"

Never mind the real question about responsibilities of citizens instead of demanding rights. I also Add that the voice of what and when is a human have rights.

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Sent Date : 2022/03/15 1:19:51 AM

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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:45 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002679 - FW: Crisis Letter

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:43 PM  
**To:** Ursula Ditchburn <ursula.ditchburn@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Crisis Letter

Dear Hon. Chrystia Freeland and Mr. Terry Duguid MP

I am responding to information I have received regarding Crisis Pregnancy Centre. I understand that they are one the organizations to be removed from the tax deduction charitable eligibility list.

Yes, Crisis Pregnancy is a faith based organization but they provide services for girls of All faiths that no other organization does. They help girls in providing basics for their babies like formula, diapers, clothing. They make them aware that adoption can be a viable option. They provide support to those who have had an abortions. Crisis Pregnancy is a Family Support Centre.  
They provide a much needed service !!

Please reconsider leaving Crisis Pregnancy as an eligible charity  
so many more can receive  
Support they need.

Thank you for your understanding and support regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:** Friday, March 18, 2022 8:23 PM  
**Sent:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**To:** 002683 - Crisis Pregnancy Center  
**Subject:**

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Minister,

Why would you want to withdraw support from an organization that is committed to providing help to women in crisis?

Please explain.

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**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** March 20, 2022 9:08 AM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002728 - Pregnancy Care Centres

Dear Ms. Freeland

I am writing on behalf of Canadians who have not yet breathed their first breath. Some of these valuable members of our society are in danger of being brutally murdered at a very vulnerable stage of life, because their parents feel that there are no other options.

Pregnancy Care Centres provide compassionate honest information to assist in this parents facing unexpected or unexpectedly difficult pregnancies. They let them know that if they decide to carry the pregnancy to term, they can receive the support they need. In addition, they provide counselling for those who are unhappy with a previous choice to abort - so that they can process their feelings and move forward with peace.

I am writing to request that you do not remove charitable status from Pregnancy Care Centres in Canada.

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**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** March 19, 2022 11:28 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002729 - Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Hi Chrystia,

I am writing you personally to express my deep sadness with your Liberal government. I am a firm believer in the rights of the unborn child. I believe Crisis Pregnancy Centers across our nation have done a noble job of helping pregnant mothers save the lives of their unexpected babies. I happen to know there are many people willing to adopt these beautiful babies. So, when I heard you were taking away charitable status from this organization, I was SHOCKED. For the Liberal government to think they are the final word on what all Canadians value, you have got it VERY wrong. I know you may not understand this, but many Canadians disagree with you. Please respect the rights of ALL Canadians and listen to my voice: allow Crisis Pregnancy Centers to continue operating with charitable status. I pray to God for you to reverse your decision.

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002748 - Crisis Pregnancy Center

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:49 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Center

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:50 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Center

Hon. Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,  
I am writing to thank you for listening to your nation wide constituents.

I would like to let you know that I am acquainted with the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Winnipeg and the work they do in the community. They are there for the practical needs of women and children, as well as emotional support.

I am asking that you would re-consider the revocation of charitable status etc. that is being considered. This would cause a greater hardship to families within the community.

I plead with you to cancel any action against this organization which is supported by honest hard working Canadians.

Thank you,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002749 - Crisis Pregnancy Center

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:51 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Center

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 8:51 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Center

Dear Chrystia:

Thank you for your service to our community and our country.

My wife and I are writing to you to express our support for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. They are full of caring, honest people, who provide love, help and support to pregnant women who don't want to have an abortion. Our government is trying to shut them down. Our government is saying that women who want to have an abortion have no voice, but it seems like what's really happening now is that the right of women who choose not to abort is being taken away from them. Our country is founded on freedom and democracy. Please don't take it away from us.

Please help us fight for the Crisis Pregnancy Center and the women who rely on them. Your help in this matter will be very valuable and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:42 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002756 - Change to charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:48 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Change to charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:12 PM  
To: Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Change to charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

As a citizen of our great country, Canada, I respectfully, would like to voice my extreme disappointment and concern to you upon learning that the government has decided to take away the charitable status of the Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada. In effect this will close down multiple thriving organizations that serve a huge number of women, men and children ie families. They provide non-judgemental services 24-7 all year long. They provide valuable mental health help for people walking through some very challenging times in their lives.

At a time when mental health is at an all time low in this country there will be even more people with no where to turn for help to walk through this traumatic time.

These centres are filled with qualified, professional, compassionate and dedicated staff who give and give out of the love and compassion they have for those who are in need, the people of Canada. For the government to, with basically the stroke of a pen, make the monumental move of changing their charitable status and deciding that these centres are not needed or valuable is a huge mistake and will only to serve to take away from the services we have for the people, that make our country as diverse and great as it is.

I truly hope you will reconsider this decision as it will have a huge ripple effect that will be detrimental to Canadian society as a whole.

Thank you.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 12:25 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002774 - FW: Charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:09 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 8:42 AM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable status

Dear Chrystia Freeland,

I have heard that the federal government is considering revoking charitable status for places like the Chrisis Pregnancy Center.

I know the government may have different beliefs regarding abortion but I have always been relieved to know places like that were available for those that wanted help. It's scary to think they could be gone very quickly.

Please call to the Center and ask to speak to women that have been there to hear their stories before you consider taking away the work places like this do in our country.

Respectfully and thank you for your hard work for Canada. I know you're job must be a difficult one.

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002775 - FW: Pregnancy help centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 7:57 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy help centres

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:53 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Pregnancy help centres

Dear Ms. Freeland MP,  
Please stand up and oppose Prime Minister Trudeau's directive to revoke the charitable status of pregnancy help centres. Part of the directive is as follows:

Trudeau wrote to Freeland in his "Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Mandate Letter" dated December 16 that she must "[i]ntroduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status."

Trudeau orders finance minister to go after charitable tax status of pro-life groups, churches - LifeSite (lifesitenews.com)

I believe all concerned citizens are against dishonest counselling of any sort, but the Crisis Pregnancy Centre here in Winnipeg is completely honest and forthright. They provide a much needed service to women here in our city and deserve all the assistance possible. CPC's disclaimer on their website provides clear information about what they can and cannot provide.

Following is an excerpt from Winnipeg's CPC disclaimer.

*We are pleased to have an opportunity to talk with you. We understand that for some, the possibility of being pregnant is troublesome, and that there are often many difficult and complicated decisions to make. We wish to help you sort through those complex issues relevant to your circumstances. It is important for you to know that we are staffed with volunteers who have had training in 'crisis intervention' support. These volunteers are committed to providing accurate information and supportive peer guidance. The information provided is not intended as a substitute for professional counselling, and it may be recommended that you receive professional counselling.*

If you haven't already done so, you can read the disclaimer for yourself in its entirety in the link on their homepage. Crisis Pregnancy Centre | Loving Life from the Inside Out

Please don't let a few people make such sweeping nationwide decisions without any kind of research, reports, discussion, or parliamentary debate. This is not just about this one issue, this is an appeal to stand against autocratic rule. Please don't stand by and watch our freedoms and democracy fade away.

Regards,

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**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:52 PM

**To:** [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca)

**Subject:** 002794 - Crisis Pregnancy Centres Charitable Status

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**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

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Dear Deputy Prime Minister:

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter and thanks for all you do to make Winnipeg, Manitoba a better place to live and for the freedoms we have.

I am writing this letter in regards to an important matter regarding the Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada. They provide excellent support services such as a 24 hr crisis & grief counselling line, non-judgemental free confidential services, support such as baby needs, furniture etc.

I have heard that the government is possibly going to revoke their charity status of being a non profit organization.

I am asking you to do whatever you can to keep them a non profit organization so that they can continue to provide support, counselling- emergency and grief etc to the women, girls and those in need of their services which make a big difference to our community.

There is false information out there saying that they provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of pregnancy. These are based on lies and not to be believed just to revoke the status. (See attached from the Prime Minister)

Please stand up for the Crisis Pregnancy Centre and support their charity status that our communities so desperately need. I was once in need of these services a long time back and can confirm that they provide honest, and great services to those who reach out to them.

Thank you for your time,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 3:26 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 002797 - Office of the Prime Minister - Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear Ms. Ellerby:

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

A. Oldford  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 16 Mar 2022 08:05:07 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Charitable status for Pregnancy Care Centres >>>

Honourable Ministers and Prime Minister,

I was just reading that our Pm has threatened to revoke the charitable status of all Crisis Pregnancy Centres and I thoroughly disagree. Have none of you ever had someone in your family have a crisis situation where your daughter or friend had to find some help, some encouragement to know what to do? Have you not ever listened to someone in despair as they don't know how to deal with their financial situation while raising a child, only to find out years later that they are doing really well? Often the counselling and encouragement they get, makes all the difference in the world. Some of you may even find out that your mom's pregnancy with you was a crisis!

Every baby has the right to be born. Also if you don't provide a place for potential moms to go, they will end up on drugs, on the streets, which will add to our already huge poverty situation. These homes are teaching moms to cook, clean and get into the workforce. I've experienced first hand, the amazing results of young moms coming out of Crisis Pregnancy Centres to become upstanding citizens. I have a few friends still who are raising their children now by themselves after the mentoring they got in a CPC.

Take time to go visit one of these pro-life organizations and look at their websites. Read the testimonies for yourself. Stop trying to take away our rights and freedoms!

With deep concern,

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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 7:11 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002901 - FW: Please DO NOT revoke charitable status for Crisis Prengancy Centres

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 2:37 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT revoke charitable status for Crisis Prengancy Centres

Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

I am Canadian citizen. It has been brought to my attention that you are planning to stop the Crisis Pregnancy Centers from having charity status. This could have serious consequences for so many communities.

The Crisis Pregnancy Centers provide much needed support and counselling to a variety of people. They give away so many baby supplies and provide emotional counselling and support to parents. Their grief support system is so important and helpful – to parents who have lost a child at any age and for any reason!

I have several friends who have benefitted from their charity and support!

Please DO NOT revoke the charity status of the Crisis Pregnancy centres!

Thanks for your time,

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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 7:00 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002903 - FW: Revoking charitable status

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 8:39 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Vandal, Dan - M.P. <Dan.Vandal@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Revoking charitable status

Honourable Members,

I am writing to express my concern in the Liberal Governments mandate to amend the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations that provide counsel to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status.

In my opinion it is not up to any government to decide which organization a pregnant woman goes to for counsel. In my opinion, it appears that the Liberal government is trying to shut down any organization that does not support abortion as the only option for supporting women in crisis during pregnancy. Counselling should always have balance of both sides of the narrative. Women already know abortion is an option, but many choose to seek other counsel before making their decision. Every pregnancy has its ups and downs. Every avenue of counsel should be supported by health.

In making pro-life organizations ineligible for charitable status, I believe this government would be dispersing their assets and thus losing everything. This is wrong in my opinion. I do not support such an amendment to the Income Tax Act

Respectfully,

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:02 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 002967 - Office of the Prime Minister - Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [redacted]

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

A. Noël  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 22 Mar 2022 03:57:48 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Crisis Pregnancy Centres >>>

Please let it be known that Canada needs to have Crisis Pregnancy Centers and similar organizations in operation. We boast about women's rights over their reproduction, over their bodies and right to choose. But now they won't have a choice to receive counseling and support if they choose to carry through with their pregnancy? How is this supporting a women's right to choose when her options are abortion or nothing?

Women using Crisis Pregnancy Centers are seeking out counseling and support. They are choosing to access these services. And these centers are not "anti abortion" they are pro supporting women as they choose what's best for their body and life.

Women facing the difficult decision to have an abortion are often low income, single, marginalized women. They need help. They need resources. And they need counseling.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers offer

- 24 hr crisis ph line
- non judgemental confidential counseling
- provide grief counseling for a loss of child
- provide ongoing support to mothers, helping them with resources such as clothing, furniture, and formula.

Please shut down any proposals to remove the charity status of these Centers. They are a vital need to our women and communities.

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Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** April 4, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN)  
**Subject:** 003212 - Resend: Revocation of Charitable Status of CPCs in upcoming Budget

Your Honourable Crystia Freeland,

I am grateful for much of the work our government is doing for us, most recently it's response to the war in Ukraine. As one involved in helping Ukrainians in this time of great crisis, I strongly applaud that. However, I wish to speak with you regarding another very pressing issue that is somewhat obscured by being embedded in the upcoming budget. It has come to my attention that a very vaguely worded but potentially disastrous platform promise has been mandated by our Prime Minister to be enacted through this budget. The promise from "Forward For Everyone Platform - 2021/09" is on page 13, one bullet point among others under the heading of "A re-elected Liberal government will" reads:

"No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy."

The vague wording of this promise is very troubling. Are all Crisis Pregnancy Centres deemed "anti-abortion" and painted by the same sweeping brushstroke? CPC's don't identify as "anti-abortion." Will there be a process that examines all facilities individually? Will a similar process be applied to all "pro-choice" to ensure they do not "provide dishonest counselling to women?" The implications of revoking charitable status to CPCs are not only devastating on the organizations themselves but most unfortunately on the people and communities they serve.

In Winnipeg, I have been on the centre's board and chaired that board for a time, my wife was a counsellor there for many years; I can attest that our centre in Winnipeg serves with integrity and in a truly altruistic manner. There is no dishonest counselling, the centre serves women no matter what they choose to do with a crisis pregnancy. In fact, in Winnipeg we may be the only facility providing post-abortion counselling for women and men struggling with PTSD after having chosen to abort an unwanted pregnancy. The centre does this without judgement with the desire to help those that are so often ignored and even discarded by the institutions and individuals that facilitated their abortion.

Among many other services, the centre also does much work in counselling families that have lost babies (still birth, miscarriage). The centre supports single mothers in a variety of meaningful and practical ways with absolutely no strings attached.

Because it's orientation and manner of operating is so pro-women, and altruistic (actually very pro-choice in that women are supported no matter what they choose), the only way that I could connect the Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Winnipeg to anything remotely "anti-abortion" is that it gives some people who do hold "anti-abortion" views a practical and worthy means to participate in helping their community in a society that does not always reflect their views on abortion. That is altruism if there ever was.

I also fear without these very healthy outlets of service, closing institutions like the CPC in Winnipeg will lead to radicalizing many moderates. I am sure you agree with me, no one wants that. The vagueness of the terms of this platform is guaranteed to bring legal challenge which most likely will stir up more legal challenges to Canada's current abortion legislation. Again, not an universal desired result, I am sure.

For those I speak for, I would like to know what the process of revocation of charitable status entails. If you cannot tell me, please let me know where I can get such information.

Also, I invite Mr. Lamoureux MP or any local Liberal MP to contact the Winnipeg CPC director Juergen Severloh at 204-782-0337. I know the centre is very open to transparency and appropriate visitors.

Thank you for your time in reading this. For the sake of vulnerable Canadians, I trust you will seriously reconsider this change to the budget and the charitable status of CPCs in Canada.

Thank you for all you do for our country and for the people of Canada and Manitoba,  
Sincerely

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## Charron, Marc

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003408 - FW: Revoking Charitable Status of Pro-Life Organizations

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:24 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking Charitable Status of Pro-Life Organizations

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:22 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Vandal, Dan - M.P. <Dan.Vandal@parl.gc.ca>; Bergen, Candice - M.P. <candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca>; Trudeau, Justin - Député <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Revoking Charitable Status of Pro-Life Organizations

Dear Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

Not long ago I was watching a medical drama on tv. In the show, one of the key characters had a miscarriage. I was struck by the compassion and empathy the show's writers gave to this storyline, as they showed in detail the grief and pain the death of the woman's unborn baby left in her life and in her husband's life. In one of the very next episodes, however, another doctor goes into detail about being in favour of abortion, a simple medical procedure that should be an option for every woman.

The intellectual inconsistency in these two side-by-side storylines struck me: in one, an unborn baby dies and is mourned; in the next, a "fetus," said to not yet be a human, is "terminated" with no thought given to his or her life or to the consequences of that choice in the mother and father's life. There is something dishonest in the way these scenarios are presented.

Crisis pregnancy centres do not share this dishonest and intellectually irrational approach to pregnancy. They see an unborn baby as an unborn baby in both scenarios, after a miscarriage and after an abortion, and they support would-be mothers in both situations. They also support a woman, together with her family, whose baby dies after birth (for example, through SIDS), or those women who choose to carry their pregnancies to term. They also support women who have chosen to have an abortion.

In the face of this intellectual honesty and the actual support crisis pregnancy centers offer to women without judgement and free of cost, I am confused and deeply disappointed, by how Prime Minister Trudeau can claim in his Mandate Letter of December 16, 2021 (<https://pm.gc.ca/en/mandate->

[letters/2021/12/16/deputy-prime-minister-and-minister-finance-mandate-letter](#)) that crisis pregnancy centers “provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy” and threaten to withdraw their charitable status on this basis.

In thinking about this idea of honesty or dishonesty, I looked up information about abortions at the Women's Health Centre in Winnipeg. Under the "FAQ" menu (<https://womenshealthclinic.org/what-we-do/abortion/aspiration-abortion-faqs/>), they answered the question "What is an aspiration abortion?" this way:

"An aspiration abortion is a procedure to end a pregnancy. A health care provider inserts instruments into the vagina and through the cervix to remove the contents of the uterus."

In calling out "dishonest information," I wonder how this description passed the Prime Minister's notice? For, while a French speaker might recognize the word "aspirateur" to be a vacuum cleaner, most English speakers would not know that this word means "to draw in or out using a sucking motion." Yet instead of explaining a word that likely most readers do not understand (this is the part of the website that should be answering questions, after all), the definition maintains vagueness on all fronts: it does not explain the term "aspiration," neither does not give any information on what kinds of "instruments" are inserted into the vagina, nor what kinds of "contents" are removed from the uterus. If a woman is to make a choice about her pregnancy, she needs to know all the information about her choices. This website gives the woman none of the information she needs, and yet our Prime Minister holds this up as "honesty"?

Not only does the website provide a misleading and intentionally vague definition of an aspiration abortion, under the question "Can I bring a person with me to my appointment?" we read this response:

"Due to the length of your appointment and the size of our waiting room, we ask that if someone brings you to your appointment, that they drop you off and return to pick you up once you are done. Additional people will not be allowed to accompany you through your appointment."

When we are discussing questions of honesty or dishonesty, I wonder how a statement like this passes the muster as well. While crisis pregnancy centres do not hide what they do and support a woman in a transparent way, women who choose to get abortions at the main medical clinic where they are available in Manitoba are made to do so entirely on their own, without even the support of a friend or family member throughout the process. Additionally, are we really meant to believe that this ban on having a support person beside her when a woman comes for an abortion is due to the physical size of the waiting room? I think it is appalling that, at a moment when a woman needs support and loving people around her the most, she is prevented from having this support network and instructed to be dropped off and picked up at the door as though this was a visit to the bank or a dentist appointment. It makes me wonder what happens inside the Women's Health Centre that no one but the vulnerable woman getting the abortion can know about it? What are they trying to hide and are they being up front and honest about what happens to the woman and her unborn baby when inside?

In contrast, consider this description from the website of the Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Winnipeg, which acknowledges that women in Canada have many options when it comes to their unborn child:

"Women have the legal right in Canada to seek and obtain an abortion. Women have the right to make moral choices about their own lives. At the Crisis Pregnancy Centre we fully understand this and believe this makes it imperative

that women also be given the right to all the available information regarding the impact that their decisions will have. Not to do so would be condescending and manipulative.

If a client of our centre obtains an abortion, we love her. If she carries-to-term, we love her. If she releases the child in an adoption, we love her. If she grieves after her abortion, with zero judgment, we will mourn with her. If she is in need during parenting, we will care for her. If she struggles after the adoption, we will support her."

(<https://pregnancy.ca/index.php/our-take/>)

There is certainly dishonesty and deception happening on the topic of abortions, but it is not coming from the crisis pregnancy centres who spell out, in detail, the services they provide and the women they support (everyone, no questions asked). It seems that in our world, and certainly in the mindset of the current Liberal government, the word "dishonest" is being applied in a dishonest way, not paying attention to its actual definition but simply being used when the party does not agree with the opinion held. I did not realise Canada is one of those countries where disagreeing with the government is becoming illegal.

Up until the last election I have always voted Liberal in federal elections. I voted for the current MP for my riding in St Boniface - St Vital, Dan Vandal, as recently as 2019. But the Liberal Party has lost my support over the way it is coming down on people, organizations, democratic and religious freedom, and opinions with which it does not agree. This governance is not in the best interests of our country and I do not support it.

I am writing to you as a Canadian citizen to ask you to not to introduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* that would revoke the charitable status of organizations that support a pro-life position, like crisis pregnancy centres. I ask that you continue to allow organizations like these to continue their good work in supporting women during difficult times. I ask that you continue to allow Canada to be a democracy and not crack down on organizations like these simply because you do not agree with them.

Sincerely,

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cc'd:

Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Diane Lebouthiller, Minister of National Revenue  
Dan Vandal, Member of Parliament for St. Boniface St. Vital  
Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Official Opposition

**From:** CIMS\_OPER

**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2022 1:47 PM

**To:** "Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P." <fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca>

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Attention : Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The attached correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister is forwarded to your office for action or information as appropriate.

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April 7, 2022

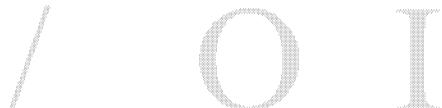
Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of March 17, 2022.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Oldford". To the right of the signature, there is a small, faint, dotted mark that looks like a stylized "O" or a "C" with a dotted border.

A. Oldford  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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March 17, 2022

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario

cc: MP Larry Maguire

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Thank you for reading our letter and considering our points of view as new legislation and directions are under discussion in our parliament.

We were very concerned when we saw an intent from the Liberal party platform in 2021 to change the charitable status of “pro-life” pregnancy help centers, on the basis of providing “dishonest counseling to pregnant women”. Our concerns have only mounted, since this has been addressed in the your mandate letter to the Finance Minister. She has been instructed to make changes to the Income Tax Act, so “that anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women” are ineligible for charitable status”.

Canada is a large and diverse country full of different beliefs. I will never believe that abortion is moral and right, just because it is legal. But to have pregnancy help centers singled out and threatened because their beliefs are different from the federal government's beliefs is incredibly threatening to religious freedom and the ability to hold different points of view in Canada.

We have been supporters of our local pregnancy support center for many years. Their stated goals are to bring hope and healing to women and families who need support with pregnancy and parenting. They know that every life has value, and come alongside both women and families to provide practical support and encouragement. They love all the people who come through their doors, not just the ones who believe the same as they do. They counsel women and men who have experienced abortion, as well as support women who choose to carry their pregnancies to term.

On a personal note, I want to express why I so strongly believe that abortion is

wrong. I believe life starts at conception, and should end at natural death. ↴

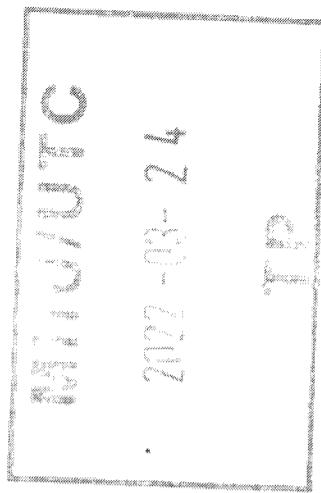
It is a great shame if we suppress this very natural and easy to see truth about life in the womb. It is not “dishonest counseling” if the truth is being told. People might not like the truth, but it does not make it any less true. It is a great shame how many children are killed through abortion each year in Canada. I lost 4 children through the sorrow of miscarriage, and often wonder who they would have turned into if my pregnancies had gone full term. Who have we lost in Canada through abortion- future doctors, scientists, farmers and teachers, our next generation of mothers and fathers, each a precious individual. We have lost much in Canada through the devaluing of life that has occurred, based only on whether or not the child is wanted- as if that is the only criteria for a life's value.

We are very concerned that the government is going to single out groups because of their views on abortion and when life begins. Canadians have different beliefs about abortion, and we need to be able to disagree with the government in order to have a healthy democracy, not be punished.

Please do all that you can to ensure that no charity loses its charitable status solely because of pro-life beliefs. We will be interested in knowing what steps you can take to make sure that freedom will continued to be supported for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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## Charron, Marc

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:49 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003527 - FW: Charitable Organizations

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 2:33 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Organizations

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 2:32 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Charitable Organizations

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,

I know you have many important issues on your plate especially with the war in Ukraine and Mr. Trudeau's visit to the Indigenous People here in BC. Thank you for all you are doing.

I am writing to you today to raise a concern that has been written into Liberal Policy; the defunding of charitable organizations that do not fit Mr. Trudeau's personal beliefs especially about life issues. Mr. Trudeau once famously said that the only choice for anyone in his caucus was pro-choice. That doesn't seem like much of a choice to me. A no-choice government is a dictatorship! If you as a government really are pro-choice, then offer a choice to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Please do not revoke the charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres.

I would greatly appreciate your response explaining the contradiction between a pro-choice government and a government that plans to remove the choice for women seeking help to keep their babies.

Most Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 12, 2022 2:14 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003654 - FW: ATTN: Honorable Chrystia Freeland RE: CONCERN FOR CHARITIES  
**Attachments:** Letter of concern (Mar 2022).pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:51 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** ATTN: Honorable Chrystia Freeland RE: CONCERN FOR CHARITIES

Dear Honorable Chrystia Freeland,

I hope this finds you well. Thank you for serving Canada and the Canadian people.

Something that we have recently been made aware of is a concern and I have attached my letter regarding this concern that I hope you will read.

Thank you for your time!

Kind regards,

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Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cpm.gc.ca

Honourable Marci Ien  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca

Honourable Diane Lebouthillier  
Minister of National Revenue  
cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca

DATE: 15th March 2022

Dear Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Hon. Marci Ien & Hon. Diane Lebouthillier

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

Positive impact in the life of one youth can have a positive ripple affect in their communities. And as we take the care for our community to heart, something recently came to our attention that raised concern.

I understand that the Prime Minister's [mandate letter](#) instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,



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## **Charron, Marc**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 3:00 PM  
**To:** Finance Public / Finance Publique (FIN)  
**Subject:** 003773 - charitable status

4/19/2022

To the Department of Finance,

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

We are very concerned with the potential changes to charitable status.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views or beliefs are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

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Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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**Charron, Marc**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:05 AM  
**To:** Finance Public / Finance Publique (FIN)  
**Subject:** 003775 - Charitable Status - Income Tax Act  
**Attachments:** Department of Finance.pdf

Hello,

Attached is a letter regarding the proposed Charitable Status change in the *Income Tax Act*.

Sincerely,

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Department of Finance  
financepublic-financepublique@fin.gc.ca

April 19, 2022

To the Department of Finance,

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Hello, I am a Canadian citizen who is deeply concerned about the proposed change in the *Income Tax Act*.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

A change like this would put all charities at risk in the future. If the beliefs of a certain government do not align with those of any given charity, that charity is at risk of becoming ineligible as well. Charities should *never* be involved in any kind of illegal activity, but there are laws in place to monitor this already.

My beloved country Canada is a land of freedom and opportunity because of the diversity that is promoted on all sorts of issues. And this should continue to be the case in a wide variety of charitable organizations. This is fundamental to our democratic society.

I beg that you do not implement this proposed change in the *Income Tax Act*. This action will have a ripple effect which could put many charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 2022

Mr. Marty Morantz, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Morantz,

Thank you for championing important legislation in support of the charitable sector.

We are writing on behalf of to offer  
our support for Bill C-240, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act (donations involving private  
corporation shares or real estate). We appreciate your efforts to bring this important  
opportunity to Parliament, and your continued work with the parties in the House to seek  
passing of this legislation.

Canadians are among the most generous in the world, yet giving reported on tax forms has  
continued to decline for decades. As a result of these declines, charities find themselves  
supported by fewer generous individuals every year. To address this decline, charitable giving  
incentives must continue to evolve to help attract supporters who can make a significant  
impact on communities in Canada.

By eliminating the capital gains tax on gifts of private shares and real estate, Canada will  
equalize the treatment of private assets within the Income Tax Act, aligning the tax treatment  
of these gifts to be similar to that of publicly traded securities. It has been estimated that the  
immediate impact on charities in the first years would be in excess of \$200 million. Many real  
estate assets and private shares are in the hands of Canadian seniors, who are the most  
generous segment of our population. This incentive may help these generous people make an  
even larger impact.

This new giving incentive will result in tax savings for donors of approximately \$60 million, a  
fraction of the \$200 million in anticipated new giving. When charities receive funds, they are  
reinvested into communities across Canada through organizations and community foundations,

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helping to build new hospitals, supporting scholarships, delivering lifesaving research, or simply building a playground. Charitable giving incentives like this help ensure the Government of Canada is a partner in each community effort; truly a nation helping neighbour initiative.

welcomes this proposed modernization of the Income Tax Act at this critical time as the sector recovers from the severe impact of the pandemic, and as people across Canada depend on the programs delivered by the charitable sector more than ever.

We are writing this letter in support of your efforts and to encourage Parliament to adopt this important legislation to facilitate greater charitable giving. When passed, these measures can truly improve the prospect for an equitable recovery from the pandemic by increasing the capacity of charities to impact those they serve, and make more funds available to the sector.

We will share this letter of support with over 3,200 members across the country, so they know about the important work being done to secure a strong future for the people of Canada.

Thank you for putting the charitable sector on your parliamentary agenda.

We welcome any questions regarding this letter.

cc: The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
3,200 members in Canada

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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

May 5, 2022

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS and MANDATE LETTER

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as Prime Minister.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

In our opinion, the proposal will create a potentially vague and arbitrary standard. The phrase "dishonest counselling" is not currently used in any Act or regulation in Canada. Based on a legal opinion [REDACTED] has received, the phrase has no legally certain meaning and could be open to abuse and a legal challenge. Finally, if the proposal were to proceed, then it should be aimed at all organizations that provide abortion counselling. We hope that all organizations dealing with this sensitive issue will act appropriately. But it is also possible for an organization that promotes abortions to provide "dishonest counsel." To have a provision aimed at only one side of the issue could leave the provision open to a legal challenge and possible violation of the *Charter*. Some thought must also be given respecting who is to make the decision whether counsel has been dishonest and how evidence for the decision is to be gathered. It would be better to have the courts involved in making this decision as it does not seem that the Department of Finance has expertise in this area.

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I am also very concerned about this proposal for a number of other reasons.

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Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

CC The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The Honourable David Lametti, P.C., M.P., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

The Honourable Candice Bergen, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Michael Kram, M.P., Regina-Wascana

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## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:20 PM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 004918 - Letter of Support for amendments to Bill C-19  
**Attachments:** Letter of support for amendments to Bill C-19.pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** McPherson, Heather - M.P. <Heather.McPherson@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for amendments to Bill C-19

Good Morning Minister Freeland,

Please see attached a letter outlining our concerns of the recommended Bill C-19 and the impacts it will have on the non-profit charitable sector, with recommendations for amendments.

Sincerely,

s.19(1)

s.20(1)(b)

s.20(1)(c)

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June 1, 2022

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Dear Minister Freeland,

We are writing to update you with our concerns with specific provisions of the Budget Implementation Act, 2022 ("BIA") intended to enable registered charities to partner more effectively with non-qualified donees while still ensuring proper accountability. We echo the concerns and recommendations of Cooperation Canada, Imagine Canada, the Philanthropic Foundations of Canada, and the legal profession.

We admire the Government of Canada for championing this issue and committing in Budget 2022 to implement the spirit of Bill S-216. However, the current wording of the BIA would not only fail to implement Bill S-216's spirit, thereby preventing the creation of new partnerships due to cumbersome and inflexible regulation, but it would also fail to include shared platforms in this important reform and fail to recognize funding techniques used by municipalities and government agencies.

In general, a minimum of language from Bill S-216 must be included in the Budget Implementation Act 1 (Bill C19) text in order for it to be effective in addressing these concerns. We strongly urge that the BIA, at minimum, be amended to:

- Refine the proposed definition of 'qualifying disbursement,' section 149.1(1). Remove the reference to disbursement meeting 'prescribed conditions' and replace it with a requirement that the charity instead takes reasonable steps to ensure that the resources disburses are used exclusively in furtherance of a charitable purpose.
- Delete proposed Regulation 3703 in its entirety. This would allow for regulations to be in the CRA guidance documents rather than exist as codified rules in the Income Tax Act.
- Amend language related to 'directed giving,' paragraph 168(1)(f).

We express deep concern, particularly for the proposed changes to s.168(1)(f) in the BIA, and we highly recommend they be amended. The proposed changes to s.168(1)(f) would prohibit partnerships where charities are meeting the standards of a qualifying disbursement but are working with a non-qualified donee that the donor or funder specifically supports. This would prohibit all kinds of legitimate partnerships.

**s.19(1)**

**s.20(1)(b)**

**s.20(1)(c)**

To achieve the Government of Canada's stated objective of getting more funding to communities while cutting unnecessary red tape, we recommend amending the proposed changes to s.168(1)(f).

We would be pleased to discuss any part of this letter and provide further details as needed on how this may impact our ability to form successful partnerships for the benefit of our communities. Thank you for your serious consideration of amending the Budget Implementation Act.

Sincerely,

**s.19(1)**

**s.20(1)(b)**

**s.20(1)(c)**

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 9, 2022 2:22 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: charitable status of anti abortion groups

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 7:24 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: charitable status of anti abortion groups

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 10:50 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** charitable status of anti abortion groups

Dear Honorable Chrystia Freeland,

I am very concerned about the mandate letter released on December 16, 2021 to eliminate charitable funding status to "Anti – abortion" groups due to dishonest counseling.

This is troubling on several accounts. Firstly, who and how is one to determine what is "dishonest counseling." This is a question of values and beliefs and to withhold charitable status based on beliefs is against the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Pro life organizations exist to support women. For example, Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC), is a best practice association of over 80 pregnancy care centres. These PCC centres exist to provide a safe environment for women to make pregnancy decisions that are fully informed, evidence-based, consistent with their belief system and free from external influences. They respect a woman's right to make her own decision and seek to provide her with medically accurate information on abortion, adoption and parenting. Hindering such an organization would be detrimental for women who are seeking to make informed decisions and who need support. It would also be discriminatory.

Please put an end to this discriminatory and harmful attempt to withhold charitable status to "anti abortion =pro life organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

**s.19(1)**

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Beaupre, Julie  
**Sent:** February 10, 2022 3:35 PM  
**To:** Black, Kelly-Anne  
**Cc:** da Silva, Cynthia; DCU / UCM (FIN)  
**Subject:** FW: PCO enquiry RE: Pregnancy crisis centres

Hi Kelly-Anne,

We have not heard back from CRA. Just to not confuse people writing in about this issue, you can refer to Finance but in the referral, I would avoid mentioning it falls under our purview but say you are forwarding to DOF for info and consideration.

We are replying to these with a general thank you for your suggestions.

Hope this helps, and sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

Have a great evening!

Julie

**From:** Black, Kelly-Anne <Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** Beaupre, Julie <Julie.Beaupre@fin.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** da Silva, Cynthia <Cynthia.daSilva@fin.gc.ca>; DCU / UCM (FIN) <dcu-ucm@fin.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: PCO enquiry RE: Pregnancy crisis centres

Hi Julie,

I just wanted to send a follow-up on this issue. Could you please let me know under which department this issue falls?

Thank you!  
Kelly

**From:** Beaupre, Julie <Julie.Beaupre@fin.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 9:18 AM  
**To:** Black, Kelly-Anne <Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** da Silva, Cynthia <Cynthia.daSilva@fin.gc.ca>; DCU / UCM (FIN) <dcu-ucm@fin.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: PCO enquiry RE: Pregnancy crisis centres

Good morning Kelly-Anne,

We reached out to CRA yesterday to clarify something and I (or Cynthia) will let you know as soon as we hear back. Sorry for the back and forth on this issue.

Thanks, and have a great day!

Julie

**From:** Black, Kelly-Anne <[Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:04 PM

**To:** DCU / UCM (FIN) <[fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: PCO enquiry RE: Pregnancy crisis centres

Hello,

I saw that you were copied on CRA's input regarding Pregnancy crisis centres and charitable status. Could you please advise on how we should proceed?

As always, thank you for your help!

Kelly

**From:** Valcov-Kwiatkowski, Alexandra <[Alexandra.Valcov-Kwiatkowski@cra-arc.gc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Valcov-Kwiatkowski@cra-arc.gc.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:29 PM

**To:** Black, Kelly-Anne <[Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca)>; 'DCU / UCM (FIN)' <[fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: PCO enquiry RE: Pregnancy crisis centres

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Hi Kelly-Anne,

My apologies for the confusion.

I saw our branch had some active folders and accepted.

I asked for clarification from our Charities Directorate as to when CRA responds and when its redirected to DoF, this is the explanation:

The CRA is still waiting for direction from the Department of Finance on the Liberal Electoral 2021 campaign promise to no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy.

Until we receive direction, the Charities Directorate is not commenting on the electoral campaign promise.

So, what we have been doing with MinMails is when the incoming is a 2-line email where the writer expresses their opinion on the promise (agree with it or disagree with it), and there's no expectation of a reply, we've been closing it with a Memo to File.

However, when the incoming is asking questions about the promise (ie what misinformation, what dishonest counselling, whether the provisions are to be applied to all charitable organizations or only those organizations with particular underlying beliefs about when life begins), we are asking for a transfer to Department of Finance since the direction the CRA will take must be provided by DoF.

Thank you,

Alex

## Alexandra Valcov

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**From:** Black, Kelly-Anne <[Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Kelly-Anne.Black@pco-bcp.gc.ca)>

**Sent:** January 25, 2022 2:28 PM

**To:** DCU / UCM (FIN) <[fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca](mailto:fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca)>; Valcov-Kwiatkowski, Alexandra <[Alexandra.Valcov-Kwiatkowski@cra-arc.gc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Valcov-Kwiatkowski@cra-arc.gc.ca)>

**Subject:** PCO enquiry RE: Pregnancy crisis centres

Good afternoon,

I'm writing regarding redirects we have received in relation to pregnancy crisis centres and charitable status. We consulted on this issue and received confirmation from both FIN and CRA that we could refer. Could you please reconfirm that the attached information is still accurate?

Thank you!

Kelly

Kelly-Anne Black

Head/Senior Editor (English) | Chef/Réviseure principale (anglais)

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**s.16(2)(c)**

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 11, 2022 11:43 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

As a follow-up to my previous message, I wish to apologize for inadvertently misdirecting your correspondence to the wrong department.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

A. Oldford  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

-----Original Message-----

From: Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
Sent: January 14, 2022 10:44 AM  
To:  
Cc: Min.Mail / Courrier.Min (CRA/ARC) <PABMINMAILG@cra-arc.gc.ca>  
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear |

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the Prime Minister. You may be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed.

I note that you have also addressed your email to the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue. While the Prime Minister appreciates the time you have taken to write, he will leave the matter you raise to be considered by the Minister.

Once again, thank you for writing.

A. Oldford  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

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>>> From :

Received : 04 Jan 2022 08:31:17 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations >>>

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
The Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister The Hon. Diane Lebouthillier Minister of National Revenue  
5 January 2022

Dear Ministers:

I am writing to express my deep concern and ask for clarification. The Liberal Party platform, "Forward For Everyone", stated that a re-elected Liberal government will "No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy."

Given the context of the Canada Summer Jobs attestation, I am very concerned at the idea that participation in the public square and a level playing field with respect to government programs could be conditional on acceptance of a particular view of abortion; in essence, subject to a values test.

If there is such a significant review of charitable status, there would need to be answers to basic questions such as

- \* what is considered "dishonest counseling,"
- \* what mechanism would identify dishonesty,
- \* whether the provisions are to be applied to all charitable organizations or only those organizations with particular underlying beliefs about when life begins,
- \* and how this would be carried out in compliance with Charter protections.

I am also concerned by the mischaracterization implicit in the platform statement. Pregnancy care centres are a source of support for many Canadian women. Pregnancy Care Canada (PCC) is a best practice association of over 80 pregnancy care centres. These PCC centres exist to provide a safe environment for women to make pregnancy decisions that are fully informed, evidence-based, consistent with their belief system and free from external influences. They respect a woman's right to make her own decision and seek to provide her with medically accurate information on abortion, adoption and parenting.

A democracy such as Canada. is founded on the premise that diverse beliefs will be respected and accommodated. Any endeavor to revoke charitable status on the basis of beliefs about abortion would seem to risk violating Charter guarantees of freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression, and as well, specifically minimizing the rights of women.

Sincerely,

s.19(1)

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Contact (INFC) <contact@infc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 11, 2022 1:09 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** Reply to your correspondence  
**Attachments:** PCC Letter.docx

Dear

On behalf of Minister Hussen, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Thank you for taking the time to write. Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed.

Since the matter you have raised falls more closely under the purview of the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to her office for consideration.

Please accept our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis  
Director, Executive Correspondence Unit

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 11:46  
**To:** Hussen, Ahmed - M.P. <[Ahmed.Hussen@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Ahmed.Hussen@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status for Pregnancy Care Centres  
Sent from Mail for Windows

s.19(1)

Feb 1, 2022

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen,

It was with alarm and deep concern that I read the Federal government proposes to “... no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy.”

Pregnancy care centres have been unjustly targeted in this statement. These centres provide much-needed emotional and practical help to thousands of vulnerable women, expectant women, and new mothers and their families in the form of accurate, evidence-based counselling which includes information on all options; post-abortion care; nutrition and prenatal classes; and necessities such as cribs, strollers, baby food, clothing, and more. These exemplary organizations are committed to ensuring that each woman is empowered and treated with dignity, compassion and respect, regardless of her decisions. Pregnancy care centres exist to provide a safe environment for women to make pregnancy decisions that are fully informed, evidence-based, consistent with their belief system and free from external influences. They respect a woman’s right to make her own decision and seek to provide her with medically accurate information on abortion, adoption and parenting. Considering the measurable financial and social benefits provided by charities of this kind, revoking charitable status to this type of organization would be a profound loss to Canadians.

Historically, charitable status has been based on recognition of public benefit. This election platform would, instead, make charitable status dependent on political favour. In other words, politics has now moved into charity regulation in a big way.

Rather than destroy the good work of charitable organizations, all political parties, candidates, and indeed the entire Canadian population, should be aware of the great work our charities do for the common good of Canada. And what a financial benefit this is to the government as well.

I fully agree that if any charitable organization provides dishonest counselling, it should lose its charitable status. But only if this can be factually or and objectively established...simply providing accurate and factual pregnancy care supportive counselling does not establish “dishonest counselling”.

From my research and reading, I do not find evidence of pro-choice organizations being at risk of losing their charitable status, and in fact, are being supported by the government. Advocating for only one perspective could be termed “dishonest counselling”.

A liberal democracy such as Canada is founded on the premise that diverse beliefs will be respected and accommodated. An endeavor to revoke charitable status on the basis of beliefs, especially when those beliefs include presenting/supporting all options, would seem to risk violating Charter guarantees of freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression.

I urge that any policy proposals that would deny charitable status to the pregnancy care centres be reconsidered and revoked.

Yours truly,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 1:18 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002685 - FW: In support of Pregnancy Care Centres

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:51 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: In support of Pregnancy Care Centres

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:33 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: In support of Pregnancy Care Centres

The Liberal government is looking for ways to remove charitable status from pregnancy care centres. They have accused them of offering dishonest counseling, simply because they do not counsel women to have abortions. Women choose to go to these centres for help - they are never forced. But removing charitable status could force some of these centres to close, leaving women with fewer options for help and support. Abortion is not a "choice" if someone feels like they have no other option.

Pregnancy care centres are run mainly with volunteers and donations. They are a great way for a community to come around women facing an unexpected pregnancy or facing financial struggles in the early parenting years. Practical help and emotional support are both available for free. These centres show a woman that she is not alone, that there is a community of people who care about her and her baby.

On International Women's Day, I would like to draw your attention to something you can do to support women in our community: voice your support for pregnancy care centres.

Pregnancy care centres exist to support women. Whether they are facing an unwanted pregnancy, or finances are tight in the early years of parenting, women can go to these centres for free access to peer counseling, prenatal classes, baby supplies, toddler clothes, and more. Thousands of women every year are helped by pregnancy care centres.

I am sending this email to you, hoping you will reconsider the plan to remove charitable status from pregnancy care centres.

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kind regards,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Beaupre, Julie  
**Sent:** March 10, 2022 2:13 PM  
**To:** DCU / UCM (FIN)  
**Cc:** da Silva, Cynthia  
**Subject:** RE: Possible referral: MCU2022-00322  
**Attachments:** Charitable Status - Letter of Concern

Hi Nat,

TP recommended a while back to just assign BUD105b for this issue. You can confirm we will reply but we are just replying with a general standard, not specifically addressing the issue. We can copy WAGE on our reply, please note in CIMS.

Merci 😊

Julie

**From:** DCU / UCM (FIN) <dcu-ucm@fin.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** Beaupre, Julie <Julie.Beaupre@fin.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** da Silva, Cynthia <Cynthia.daSilva@fin.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Possible referral: MCU2022-00322

Hi Julie,

Over to you please. We have received this correspondence it is waiting to be registered, then it will be sent to the Minister's office for their review.

Thanks,

Nat C.

**From:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:19 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Cc:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fc-swc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Possible referral: MCU2022-00322

Good morning,

Please find attached a correspondence that was addressed to both of our ministers. We believe this does not fall under our mandate at WAGE. Will your department be responding to the author? Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Please note that if you respond to the author, we would like a copy of the email.

Thank you,

Zineb Mansouri

Agente de correspondance, Secrétariat général  
Femmes et Égalité des genres Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Correspondence Officer, Corporate Secretariat  
Women and Gender Equality Canada / Government of Canada

**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** March 7, 2022 12:07 PM  
**Sent:** chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca; diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca; The Honourable  
**To:** Marci Ien / L'honorable Marci Ien (FEGC/WAGE)  
**Subject:** Charitable Status - Letter of Concern  
**Attachments:** Letter to Ministers\_Charitable Status\_March 7 2022.pdf

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland, Hon. Minister Lebouthillier, and Hon. Minister Ien,

Thank you for your commitment to serving the public in your important roles as Cabinet Ministers. We appreciate that as Ministers, you face many challenges, but also many opportunities, including engagement with individuals and organizations across Canada.

To that end, please find attached a letter from a collection of organizations concerned about proposals to amend the *Income Tax Act*.

As we note in the letter, we ask that you not move forward with the proposed amendments before providing clarity and engaging in consultation with stakeholders, particularly those who are targeted by this proposed amendment.

We thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

s.19(1)

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**Honorable Chrystia Freeland**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

**Honourable Diane Lebouthillier**

Minister of National Revenue  
diane.lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca

**Honourable Marci Ien**

Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca

March 7, 2022

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland, Hon. Minister Lebouthillier, and Hon. Minister Ien,

**RE: CHARITABLE STATUS**

We represent a variety of independent organizations, including legal, religious and umbrella associations, all registered as charities. We are committed to implementing and promoting best practices in all areas of charity management, so as to promote honesty, trust, and transparency among our constituents and the public at large.

We understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letters instruct the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth to introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act ("ITA") in order to "make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status" ("Mandate Letters").

Any proposal affecting eligibility for charitable status under the *ITA* must use precise language. As it stands, we find the Prime Minister's Mandate Letters troubling because of their vague assertions and unproven assumptions of dishonesty toward a specific subset of charities. We believe it is vital for the government to clearly define the terms, scope, and potential applications of this initiative, and to consider the long-term impact on the entire charitable sector before taking any type of punitive action against a targeted group of registered charities through legislative change. Revocation of charitable status is appropriately reserved for the most serious of circumstances, such as serious, deliberate or repeat non-compliance, and should always be substantiated by specific facts, not generalizations.

This proposal gives rise to another concern. By singling out a certain type of organization – based on its beliefs on a certain social issue – it appears to be motivated by ideological, and not just factual, considerations. The mandate does not, on its face, seek to address "dishonest counselling" generally, but only that which is allegedly provided by organizations with a certain worldview.

If an organization's charitable status can be placed at risk simply because its views or sincerely held beliefs are different than those of the government, **all charities are at risk**. Any category of charity could be deemed ineligible or be deregistered based on the particular views or priorities of any government. Charities should not be singled out for additional monitoring or audits simply

because they hold different views than those held by government; neither should their charitable status be placed in jeopardy.

At the outset, there are jurisdictional questions at issue. The *Constitution Act, 1867* gives provinces exclusive jurisdiction to make laws in relation to the establishment, maintenance and management of charities. The federal government administers the *ITA*, under which charities must be registered to qualify for tax benefits. However, the *ITA* does not define what is charitable – that is left to the common law. Asserting that a particular viewpoint is “dishonest” does not make it so, nor does it alter the common law as to what qualifies as charitable.

**To be abundantly clear, dishonest conduct is not acceptable;** however, concerns of dishonesty are already addressed in the *ITA*. For example, charities that make false statements in circumstances that amount to culpable conduct can lose charitable registration (ss 149.1(4.1)(c), 168(1)(d), 188.1(9), 188.2(2)(f)). Similarly, charities are prohibited from having directors, trustees, officers, or like officials who, among other things, have been convicted of crimes involving financial dishonesty (s 149.1(1)). In addition, the application for charitable registration provides that “[t]his application for registration must be certified and submitted by one director, trustee or like official of the organization who has authority to sign on behalf of the organization. It is a serious offence under the *Income Tax Act* to provide false or deceptive information. The consequences of providing false or deceptive information may include revocation.”

Not only does the *ITA* already address dishonesty, it also permits charities to engage in public policy dialogue and development activities that further a charitable purpose. A charity may publicly agree or disagree with a decision or position of the government, and advocate to retain, oppose, or change a law, policy, or decision of any level of government.

We are concerned that the Mandate Letters from the Prime Minister risk silencing charities by removing charitable status for those that raise objections or support changes in law. Using vague language of “dishonesty” to remove charitable status for a subset of charities will deprive the public of their voices and perspectives in the public square, and marginalize those who support the charity. This is wrong. Charities are an essential part of civic society, regularly serving and speaking on behalf of marginalized and disadvantaged communities. Eliminating their voices and perspectives from public discourse will impoverish future policy decisions.

Further, charities have a right to effective freedom of expression.<sup>1</sup> Freedom of expression ensures that everyone can express their thoughts, opinions, and beliefs, however unpopular or contrary to the mainstream.<sup>2</sup> Freedom to fully and openly express views on social and political issues is fundamental to democracy, and restrictions that touch on the core of these issues raise concerns about the “dangers inherent in state censorship of such debate.”<sup>3</sup>

It also raises concerns about the “homogenization of private players” within a public space, that is, the charitable sector.<sup>4</sup> The government itself must be neutral in regulating such spaces with regard to freedom of conscience and religion, in order to “preserve and promote the multicultural

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<sup>1</sup> *Canada Without Poverty v Attorney General of Canada*, 2018 ONSC 4147

<sup>2</sup> *Irwin Toy Ltd. v Quebec (Attorney General)*, [1989]1 SCR 927 at 968

<sup>3</sup> *R. v. Keegstra*, [1990] 3 SCR 697 at 849

<sup>4</sup> *Mouvement laïque québécois v Saguenay (City)*, 2015 SCC 16 at para 74

heritage of Canadian society".<sup>5</sup> Requiring agreement with a certain set of views, beliefs or priorities before entering a public space (e.g. obtaining charitable status), undermines freedom to believe or not believe, imposes uniformity, and rejects diversity of thought and expression. Further, when a government targets charities for expressing views it disfavours, it sets a precedent for future governments to do the same against charities they, in turn, disfavour.

This is not an exhaustive list of concerns; however, it highlights several immediate issues. As such, we ask that you not move forward with these proposed amendments to the *ITA* before providing clarity and engaging in consultation with stakeholders, particularly those who are targeted by this proposed amendment.

As stakeholders, we respectfully ask for a meeting to further discuss our concerns. Any of the organizations below are also available for further comment on their own unique concerns. We thank you for your attention to this problem.

Sincerely,

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<sup>5</sup> *Ibid*

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 1:18 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002543 - FW: Pregnancy Care Centre policy

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:51 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Pregnancy Care Centre policy

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:17 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Pregnancy Care Centre policy

Dear Chrystia Freeland,

The right to choice includes the right to life.

The pregnancy care centre I support provides help to hundreds of mothers who are trying to care for babies they choose to have. By removing charitable tax status, your government is removing help to these women - diapers, formula, car seats and strollers, and emotional support. Your policy will hurt these mothers - many of whom are caring for their babies without support from a partner or parents - not just religious people.

Please put your ideology aside and think of the women who are supported by care centres. reverse this policy.

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 1:58 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002541 - FW: CHARITABLE STATUS

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:45 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>; minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca; cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca  
**Subject:** RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Dear Honorable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth; Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

I am a private citizen, with memberships in many charitable organizations.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different from those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002806 - FW: charitable status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 10:03 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: charitable status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** charitable status

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland

Good morning, today I am writing to you as a Canadian Citizen to voice my concern over the charitable status of the pregnancy centres all across Canada. My concern is that if their charitable status is removed, women of all ages will have no place to turn to for counseling when they find themselves with a pregnancy they did not plan on. Sometimes things happen in our lives and we find ourselves in a difficult situation and have no place to turn to, to find someone to talk to you that will not judge you or look down on you. I have a friend that many years ago, found herself in such a situation. She could not go to her parents, nor could she go to her priest nor could she talk with a friend. She found herself in a very lonely place and had no where to go. If a pregnancy centre existed back then she would have found a safe place to turn to and talk over her options. Now, we have such places all across Canada where women can find a safe place to go to without judgment to get the help they need. So it is with great hopefulness that you will NOT REMOVE the charitable status of such places.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002807 - FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:57 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 3:14 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

To the honorable Chrystia Freeland,

I am very alarmed by the threat to remove the charitable status of pregnancy crisis centers. I have had personal experience with them and found them both professionally and very compassionate. They are vital to the health of our community.

The government does not have jurisdiction to dictate the specific beliefs of non profit organizations or faith based organizations. We live in a country of diversity. Just because an organization doesn't share the same beliefs as a political party, does not mean they should lose their charitable status. We do not live in China. This is Canada.

Thanks for your time,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002803 - FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centres  
**Attachments:** Pregnancy Crisis Centre.odt

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 9:55 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 3:50 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Pregnancy Crisis Centres

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Deputy Prime Minister, Chrystia Freeland,

March 21/22

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing especially in the last 2 years! It must not be easy.

Here is my issue:

There's a ministry in Canada called "Crisis Pregnancy Centre". Apparently there's a mandate letter written to revoke their charity status which means assets, money and buildings can be taken away!

This group is a voice for our 80,000 aborted each year in Canada. However they do a lot more.

- they operate a 24 hour crisis line
- offers non-judgmental confidential counselling
- provides grief counselling due to loss of a child
- provide on going support (free maternity and infant clothing, furniture, formula and diapers).

This group has been targeted as doing "dishonest counselling"! This group is anything but dishonest! And according to who's narrative are they dishonest? This group is honest, loving, caring, godly people who are trying to do the right thing in society. We need this group for women who go through a pregnancy crisis and be a voice for the unborn.

If we allow the government to remove this charity simply because it does not fit the government's narrative then what other charitable group will they revoke?

Please be our voice to revoke this mandate letter that has been given to you Deputy Prime Minister, Chrystia Freeland.

Regards

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 9:32 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Cc:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE)  
**Subject:** Referral: MCU2022-00371  
**Attachments:** Concerns of Charitable Status

Good morning,

Please find attached a correspondence that was addressed to both of our ministers. We believe this does not fall under our mandate at WAGE. Will your department be responding to the author? Please advise at your earliest convenience. Please note that if you respond to the author, we would like a copy of the email.

Thank you,

Zineb Mansouri

Agente de correspondance, Secrétariat général  
Femmes et Égalité des genres Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Correspondence Officer, Corporate Secretariat  
Women and Gender Equality Canada / Government of Canada

**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** March 15, 2022 9:59 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca; The Honourable Marci Ien / L'honorable Marci Ien (FEGC/WAGE); cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Concerns of Charitable Status  
**Attachments:** Letter re Charitable Status.pdf

Hello,

Attached is a letter regarding my concerns with the proposed changes to charitable status.

I appreciate your attention to this letter.

Regards,

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Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

Honourable Marci Ien  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca

Honourable Diane Lebouthillier  
Minister of National Revenue  
cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca

March 15, 2022

Dear Honorable Chrystia Freeland, Marci Ien and Diane Lebouthillier

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

I understand that the Prime Minister's [mandate letter](#) instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

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Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 10:04 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charity status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:44 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charity status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:53 PM  
**To:** Dancho, Raquel - M.P. <[Raquel.Dancho@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Raquel.Dancho@parl.gc.ca)>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <[Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca)>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Charity status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Hello fellow Member of Parliament, Minister of National Revenue, and Deputy Prime Minister,  
I am writing this email in concern for what our Government is looking to move forward in regarding the canceling of the charitable status for any crisis pregnancy centre. I do not support this decision to cancel their charitable status.  
Our Government continues to shame, and make wild accusations about organisations and people groups without any factual evidence or even personally visiting or witnessing what happens within these organisations.  
In the plan on moving "Forward for Everyone" the government said this "No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organisations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy."  
I'm not sure how the Government can define dishonest counseling, or even has the ability to make that declaration. And once again our Government wants to tell people about what their rights are without giving people all of the options. It is an abuse of power for the Government to move in this direction simply because they disagree with another view or opinion.  
I hope those in Government will listen and honestly think through all sides and perspectives before moving so harshly.  
A concerned, democratic Canadian

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 9:49 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Taking Away Charitable Status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:16 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Taking Away Charitable Status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:06 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Taking Away Charitable Status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Hello Ms. Freeland,

I am writing to you in regards to the liberal government insisting on revoking charitable status from the much counsel and aide to many women in crisis. These women are able to receive help from these centres when they need it. The statement that they receive dishonest counseling is a blatant lie. They receive counsel which offers options other than abortion.

You say, we're just taking away their charitable status? Yes, and these centres exist due to generous people who know this will affect the operation of these much needed centres.

These Crisis centres offer another option besides abortion. They offer a second option, they are not evil people. They offer a second choice. Plus they want to help these women with their options other than abortion. How can this be such a terrible option for women that the government wants to villainize them? They want to ultimately close them down?

I am asking, pleading with you, to not carry this decision to revoke their charitable status out. Allow women to choose to carry the pregnancy out, allow them to have Crisis centres functioning properly so they can be cared for. Thank you for doing the right thing,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Dissatisfaction  
**Attachments:** Letter of Dissatisfaction.pdf

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:23 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Dissatisfaction

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Letter of Dissatisfaction  
Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

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March 14th, 2022

Attn: Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
Canada  
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Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

This past weekend, I received news that the Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg will no longer be considered a charitable organization in Canada. Upon further investigation into what this means and why such an action would take place, I feel that I strongly disagree with the decision. As a young woman living in Winnipeg, I feel comfortable and cared for knowing that if I ever needed pregnancy counselling services, the Crisis Pregnancy Centre would be there as an option for support. However, if their charitable status is revoked, the financial ramifications to the charity would be extreme, and I may not have the same access to their facility that I could have.

In the “Forward for Everyone” Liberal Platform for 2021, it was stated that, “*Everyone in Canada should have the information they need to freely make decisions over their own bodies and have access to the medical care and services that are their legal rights.*” The Crisis Centre of Winnipeg does not compromise this admirable value in any way. Further, in this same document, it is stated that the Crisis Pregnancy Centre provides “*dishonest counselling*” to women. I find this statement to be an appalling generalization. The Crisis Centre of Winnipeg acknowledges that women have legal access to abortion. Further, they will provide support to anyone who chooses to exercise that option. However, they also believe that, “*Women have the right to make moral choices about their own lives.*” In order to plan for the choice they want to make, women need to have all their options clarified for them. Abortion is an option, yes – but not an all-encompassing choice for every pregnant individual.

Further, it seems that in the process of penalizing “anti-choice organizations”, the Government of Canada is willing to cut off access to free counseling, practical support (diaper, formula, furniture provision), as well as grief counseling to women who have not only chosen to have an abortion, but also women who have had a miscarriage. In your decision to advertise the Crisis Pregnancy Center as an “anti-choice organization”, you have demonstrated incredible oversight. I can’t help but wonder - Was any research done at all, to determine this decision? My research

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into the Crisis Centre's goals and values was not intensive, and yet it seems that there is much information which was not considered. Respectfully, it seems that a decision was made with poor judgment, in order to fulfill a political promise.

I feel incredibly unsafe knowing that I, a [REDACTED], could one day not have access to all the information I need, in order to make an informed decision for my body and my life. Where else can I find these services in Winnipeg? Where is the free grief counselling if I experience a miscarriage? Where can I find free counselling if I decide to have an abortion? Where can I recommend other women in my life go to for information on pregnancy, adoption, abortion, and the support services which are offered to them?

Thank-you for all the work you do to support our country, as the Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister. I applaud you for your service and implore that in the future, more time is spent researching the decisions made in this department.

Sincerely,

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**Referenced:**

<https://liberal.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/292/2021/09/Platform-Forward-For-Everyone.pdf>  
(page 4).

<https://pregnancy.ca/index.php/our-take/>  
(Brilliant Stuff).

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 9:57 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:23 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:33 AM  
**To:** Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Powłowski, Marcus - M.P. <Marcus.Powłowski@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Good morning,

I wish to express my concern with the news that Crisis Pregnancy Centres are being targeted to have their charitable status revoked. Please help stop the attack on this vital resource. Crisis Pregnancy Centres are extremely important to help women that are going through tough times because of unplanned pregnancies or other hard circumstances. They can get helpful counselling for free as well as help with basic necessities such as diapers and formula. Please do whatever you can to protect the Crisis Pregnancy Centres and allow them to keep their charitable status.

Thank you,

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**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:05 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:09 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable Status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:06 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable Status

Good afternoon ,

I am writing to express my concern about the possible removal of the charitable status of the Pregnancy Crisis Centers in Canada.

I feel it is an individual personal choice should they choose to attend this facility. The popular saying is "my body , my choice". I feel it applies to this choice as well as abortion facilities which receive government funding !

Please allow women the choice of accepting responsibility and choosing the way in which they handle their personal lives !

PLEASE ALLOW PREGANCY CRISIS CENTERS TO REMAIL ON THE CHARTABLE DONATION LIST.

THANK YOU,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 8:40 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Action Alert: Do Not Support Values Test 2.0

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 7:46 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Action Alert: Do Not Support Values Test 2.0

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:28 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Action Alert: Do Not Support Values Test 2.0

Dear Chrystia Freeland,

I want to begin by thanking you for your public service to our country and for reading this message in good faith that you care about my voice as a Canadian citizen.

I am writing to you to express my grave concern over the government's intentions from the Mandate Letter on December 16th that is suggesting to make amendments to the Income Tax Act to remove the charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres and other charitable organizations that are being targeted as anti-abortion. These organizations are being accused of offering dishonest counselling, which I believe is untrue, for they are actually offering free, non-judgmental, non-coercive counselling, and even grief counselling for those who have lost a baby.

I am concerned that these actions will only suppress women's choices for care and counselling when they are looking for help in their time of need and in that way I believe these actions are anti-women and certainly against the unborn. Without these organizations, women in crisis would have fewer options and supports in their pregnancy experience. In fact, most would feel they only have one choice; abortion. And one choice means no choice at all! What about the women who are just looking for assistance, counsel, and help in their pregnancy? These organizations are also offering material supplies such as diapers, formula, and clothing, and by effectively shutting these organizations down, this will deal an enormous blow to the thousands of women who have received care and help from these organizations, both before and after childbirth.

To take sweeping action without having to go through the legislative process and debating this in the house of commons where there can be transparency and opposition is the type of government overreach that drove average Canadians to protest across the country for weeks earlier this year. I would not consider myself a protestor or an activist, however I am now going to be mobilizing everyone in my sphere to actively oppose the Values Test 2.0 and anything like it.

I know that we both care about the future of this country, so I urge you to heed my voice and the voice of many who are also reaching out to you on this matter.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**Sent:** March 29, 2022 8:40 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Action Alert: Do Not Support Values Test 2.0

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Dear Ms. Freeland,

I want to begin by thanking you for your public service to our country and for reading this message in good faith that you care about my voice as a Canadian citizen.

I am writing to you to express my grave concern over the government's intentions from the Mandate Letter on December 16th that is suggesting to make amendments to the Income Tax Act to remove the charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres and other charitable organizations that are being targeted as anti-abortion. These organizations are being accused of offering dishonest counselling, which I believe is untrue, for they are actually offering free, non-judgmental, non-coercive counselling, and even grief counselling for those who have lost a baby.

I am concerned that these actions will only suppress women's choices for care and counselling when they are looking for help in their time of need and in that way I believe these actions are anti-women and certainly against the unborn. Without these organizations, women in crisis would have fewer options and supports in their pregnancy experience. In fact, most would feel they only have one choice; abortion. And one choice means no choice at all! What about the women who are just looking for assistance, counsel, and help in their pregnancy? These organizations are also offering material supplies such as diapers, formula, and clothing, and by effectively shutting these organizations down, this will deal an enormous blow to the thousands of women who have received care and help from these organizations, both before and after childbirth.

To take sweeping action without having to go through the legislative process and debating this in the house of commons where there can be transparency and opposition is the type of government overreach that drove average Canadians to protest across the country for weeks earlier this year. I would not consider myself a protestor or an activist, however I am now going to be mobilizing everyone in my sphere to actively oppose the Values Test 2.0 and anything like it.

I know that we both care about the future of this country, so I urge you to heed my voice and the voice of many who are also reaching out to you on this matter.

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 8:41 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status  
**Attachments:** Key Issues.pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:14 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status  
Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
[chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)

March 14, 2022

Dear Honorable Chrystia Freeland

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

Personally and from our business we support many charities, from local food banks/resource centres to humanitarian organizations that reach the under privileged around the world.

I have heard that the Prime Minister's mandate letter to you, the Finance Minister, instructs you to make changes to the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women" are not eligible for charitable status.

There are several points in his letter that are very concerning.

First I would agree to the extent but clarify that there should be no dishonest 'practices' in any charity. But this has already been dealt within the existing laws and regulations.

He uses the word 'anti-abortion organization' and then states for example 'crisis pregnancy centres'.

I am concerned that this government is going to single out groups because of their views on abortion and when life begins. I'm also very concerned that an organization could be labelled as dishonest simply because its views on abortion and when life begins differ from this government's views.

Please make sure this does not happen.

Using crisis pregnancy centre as an example gives the impression that all crisis pregnancy centres are anti-abortion when many of them are not political activist but are loving, caring people that provide counsel and care for a widely diverse group of women and families that find themselves in difficult situations. I would encourage you to check out The Pregnancy Centre in Kitchener as one example.

<https://pregnancycentre.ca/what-we-do/support-services/>

I am concerned with who or what will determine the basis of 'dishonest counselling'. This appears to be very vague, similar to the conversion therapy dialogue that took place not too long ago.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for de-registration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

This reminds me of the Canada Summer Jobs attestation. I don't want to see Canada use this kind of values test.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Implementation of the proposed changes would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Please make sure that no charity loses its charitable status solely because of pro-life beliefs.

And please make sure that no charity loses its charitable status based on a difference of opinion to that of which the government holds.

Attached are the Charitable Status: Key Issues

Thank you again for your work in the public sector,

Sincerely,

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## CHARITABLE STATUS: KEY ISSUES

### **All charities are at risk**

If an organization's charitable status is at risk simply because its views or beliefs are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

### **Dishonesty is already addressed in the *Income Tax Act (ITA)***

Charities that make false statements in circumstances that amount to culpable conduct (s 149.1(4.1)(c), 168(1)(d) /*TA*) can lose charitable registration. Similarly, charities are prohibited from having directors, trustees, officers or like officials who, among other things, have been convicted of crimes involving financial dishonesty (s (149.1(1))).

### **Diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector**

Canada is a diverse and pluralistic nation. Its diversity is represented in many ways, including through the diversity of charitable organizations. When it comes to all matters of conscience, belief, and non-belief it is incumbent on the government to neither "favour nor hinder any particular belief, and the same holds true for non-belief."<sup>1</sup>

### **Mischaracterizing charities is wrong**

No category of charity should have its work mischaracterized or be labelled as dishonest simply because its views or beliefs are different than those of the current government. Similarly, no category of charity should be singled out for disproportionate numbers of audits or monitoring simply because it holds certain views or beliefs, whether about religion, the environment or other matters, that differ from the government.

### **Donors must have free choice**

Charities rely on donations from Canadians to fund their charitable activities. Canadians are motivated to donate for a variety of reasons, both personal and ideological; for example, being personally affected or believing in a particular cause.<sup>2</sup> Charities function as part of Canada's civic core – other-centered, pro-social, pursuing goals beneficial to the community. Donors ought to have free choice in where and how to build that civic core.

### **Charities can oppose laws, policies and decisions of government**

Charities must use all of their resources for charitable activities. Public policy dialogue and development activities are charitable when they further a charitable purpose (advancing education, advancing religion, relieving poverty, etc.). A charity may publicly agree or disagree with a decision or position of the government. A charity may advocate to retain, oppose, or change a law, policy or decision, of any level of government.

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<sup>1</sup> *Mouvement laïque québécois v Saguenay (City)*, 2015 SCC 16 at para 72 [Saguenay]

<sup>2</sup> David Lasby and Cathy Barr, 30 Years of Giving in Canada (Toronto: Rideau Hall Foundation and Imagine Canada, 2018) at pp 43-48.

## CHARITABLE STATUS: KEY ISSUES

### **Freedom of expression is at risk**

Free expression ensures that everyone can express their thoughts, opinions, and beliefs, however unpopular or contrary to the mainstream.<sup>3</sup> Freedom to fully and openly express views on social and political issues is fundamental to democracy and therefore to all other *Charter* rights and freedoms. Restrictions that touch the core of social and political issues raise concerns about the “dangers inherent in state censorship of such debate.”<sup>4</sup>

### **Targeting charities on the basis of their views or beliefs undermines state neutrality**

The government must preserve a neutral public space where there is “true freedom to believe or not to believe.” Neutrality does not mean “the homogenization of private players in that space.” Rather, neutral public spaces “preserve and promote the multicultural heritage of Canadian society.”<sup>5</sup>

Targeting a subsection of charities for de-registration on the basis of its views is wrong and violates the principle of state neutrality. Demanding agreement with a certain set of priorities or views before entry into a ‘neutral’ space undermines freedom to believe or not to believe, imposes uniformity, and rejects diversity of thought and expression.

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<sup>3</sup> *Irwin Toy Ltd. v Quebec (Attorney General)*, [1989] 1 SCR 927 at 968

<sup>4</sup> *R. v. Keegstra*, [1990] 3 SCR 697 at 849

<sup>5</sup> *Saguenay* at para 74.

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking charity status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:20 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking charity status

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 12:58 PM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Revoking charity status

Good afternoon Ms. Freeland,

It has recently come to my attention that the liberal government wants to revoke the charity status of certain organizations, specifically the Crisis Pregnancy Centre.

I would like to voice my concern and opposition to this! By revoking the charitable status of Christian organizations such as this one you are attacking our democracy and our religious freedom. These are genuine, loving, Christian people who are trying to do right by their fellow citizens.

This organization provides so much help and support to people in need! They operate a 24-hour crisis line for people in any kind of pregnancy crisis, offer non-judgemental confidential free counselling services to anybody who calls. For people who have lost a child either through abortion or miscarriage. They also provide continuing support for those who need it, like free maternity and infant clothing, furniture, diapers, formula. And many more amazing services.

Please don't be complicit in moving this forward. This is an amazing charity showing love and support to many in need. Our country needs more of this, not less!

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 7:10 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 4:31 PM  
To: Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Cc: Patzer, Jeremy - M.P. <Jeremy.Patzer@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Crisis Pregnancy Centres

I am contacting you in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Centres in Canada.

I was given the gift of life from a mother who chose not to abort an unplanned pregnancy, but instead chose the adoption process.

I know of so many families who desperately want to adopt and foster children, but the waiting list is long. I also know of young women who feel that abortion is their only option, so we need centres that present options but champion the life of the unborn.

Charitable status is crucial to centres that give care to women and their unborn children.

Respectfully,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:07 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2022 8:22 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres

I am writing to express my concerns about the Liberal Party's proposal to revoke the charity status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres (CPCs) in Canada.

These centres provide a great service to and are a great resource for families in crisis. The CPC in my city (Winnipeg) is intentionally located in an area that is economically depressed, in the inner city, has a dense population of both indigent and low-functioning individuals and families, and has crime rates 91% higher than the national average, and 113% higher for violent crimes. As you can well imagine, there is no shortage of individuals and families in crisis in the area, but the Centre reaches people from as far away as Regina and Thunder Bay as well.

The following statement is from *Forward. For Everyone.*:

*A re-elected Liberal government will:*

*No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy.*

To provide dishonest counseling would be completely contrary to the mandate set out by CPCs. To quote Juergen Severloh, executive director of the CPC in Winnipeg,

*This is precisely why we developed the PCC [Pregnancy Care Canada], to ensure that affiliated centres would hold to the highest standards. Ensuring that every affiliated CPC would have policies, processes, and materials that were up-to-date, accurate, and truthful. The PCC has year-round workshops and webinars that ensure the highest level of training. Furthermore, annually, every affiliated centre has to affirm and comply with a rigorous set of standards. The PCC is restrictive in its affiliation, and not every pregnancy centre in Canada is allowed to be affiliated.*

The list of services my local CPC provides is vast. The following is a list of CPC Client Services and Activities:

- Pregnancy tests
- Options counselling
- Adoption counselling
- Adoption information and referral
- Doppler baby heart monitors
- Infant food and diapers\*
- Beautiful infant clothing
- Baby Moon ultrasound gift cards

- New baby layette starter kits
- Maternity clothing
- Birth coaching
- Birth companioning
- Relationship counselling
- Family counselling and resources
- Reconciliation counselling
- eMail, text, and virtual counselling
- Emergency housing
- Extended Family Housing program
- Legal and medical referrals
- National 24-Hour crisis line
- Friendship Circle program
- Building Healthy Babies program
- Fuel for Families program
- Nobody's Perfect classes
- Triple P Parenting classes
- Nutrition classes
- Online parenting support programs
- Equal Start program
- Education on post-abortion distress
- Infant loss counselling and support
- Memorial services
- Post abortion support group
- Post abortion support for men
- Rachel's Vineyard Infant Loss retreats
- Private School presentations
- Public School presentations
- Community and club presentations
- Resource libraries
- Spiritual guidance and prayer
- Practical love and hope

\*I had the joy of making a donation of ~10 containers of infant formula powder. While I was at the Centre, dropping it off, a client came in and was able to go home with some of the formula I donated. The Centre relies on donations, both in practical material like this and in monetary donations.

\*\*I referred a friend to my local CPC, and she was overwhelmed by the support she received there and couldn't believe she came home with beautiful maternity clothing for herself.

Revoking the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres would have devastating effects on Canadians, who are facing a crisis and benefiting every day from the care of these Centres.

I hope you will consider my concerns and fight to protect the people served by these centres, who have sought their help.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:01 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable Status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:20 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable Status

We are very much against the Liberal Party's decision to remove charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres. These centres have been helping pregnant women for over 40 years.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centers

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:17 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centers

-----Original Message-----

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:07 AM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Pregnancy Crisis Centers

Dear Ms Freeland

I have been informed that the current government intends to revoke the charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres. I find that shocking. Please tell me I have been misinformed. However if my information is correct please do whatever is in your power to change those plans as I believe that those plans would take away the support that vulnerable pregnant women need. Thank you for your consideration.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable donations for Crisis Pregnancy Agencies

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:43 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable donations for Crisis Pregnancy Agencies

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:51 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Charitable donations for Crisis Pregnancy Agencies  
Good Evening,

I had the privilege of working for a crisis pregnancy center as their vice president for 5 years and understood the unending sad stories that crossed our office doors. We could NEVER have changed the lives we did without the generous gifts of donors. As these agencies continue to sacrifice their own time, money and resources please don't trip them up by stealing their charitable status! Their quality of help and guidance they give is incredibly dependant on the generous donations of caring Canadians.

Thank you for reconsidering

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Please consider

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:46 AM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Please consider

**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 5:30 PM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Please consider

To the Deputy Minister - please do not revoke the charitable status of groups such as Crisis Pregnancy Centres. They provide valuable services to women in crisis pregnancies.

There is some misinformation that they provide 'dishonest counselling' to women - they do not. They provide support to women.

Thank you for your consideration,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: charitable status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:52 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: charitable status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** charitable status

Dear Ms. Freeland:

I would like to address a concern I have about a bill that is presently before the house. This bill has to do with removing the charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres and/or Pregnancy support Centres across Canada. This organization provides an invaluable service to the community in which they serve. They supply much needed qualified counselling but they also supply many needs associated with parents just starting their families. They give clothes, formula milk and disposable diapers as well as providing coats and ski pants from baby stage to toddlers and then some.

They also provide play pens, car seats and cribs, all free of charge. All these items are checked, washed and verified to meet government standards for the safety of those using those particular items. These items are all donated or purchased from the money donated to the organization to purchase those items so that they may meet current standards as well the specific needs in the community. Removing this charitable status would greatly undermine the organization's ability to fulfill their obligations the way they have been.

Most people that avail themselves of everything that these centres have to offer are in desperate need of these items as well as the encouragement from the counselling. They would not be able afford these items let alone purchase these items out of their own pockets.

Please vote against this bill and make sure the pregnancy centres do not lose their charitable status.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:15 AM  
To: Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Good afternoon,  
I appreciate your service to our country, thank you.  
It has come to my attention that there is talk of ending the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres in our country. I find this very sad. These centres support and care for so many women in distress- women unable to conceive, those who have lost their unborn babies, those who are considering abortion and those who are grieving post abortion. They don't judge. They just embrace, love and help these women heal from a standpoint that few of us can understand. Please, please do not revoke their charitable status! There is no one who will do the work they do for women who are suffering and struggling in these situations.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centre

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:47 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centre

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 4:16 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Re: Crisis Pregnancy Centre

Ms. Chrystia Freeland,  
Deputy Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa, ON

Dear Madam,

I would like to bring to your attention the proposed mandate to rescind the charitable status of The Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada.

This organization which functions without assistance from any level of government, has for years been offering help to countless girls and women, WHO SEEK OUT opportunities for care, solace, support and material supplies, all provided free of charge. It would be sad to see them left without this support, especially in these hard times.

The Heading on the Notice of this mandate says "Forward For Everyone". Sadly, these women would not be included in the "Everyone"!!

I ask you, as a woman and Deputy Prime Minister, please DO NOT support this mandate since I CANNOT support with my vote, any Government which would not treat "everyone" fairly.

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**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centers

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:43 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centers

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 8:04 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Pregnancy Crisis Centers

I am not in agreement with removal of charitable status of Pregnancy Crisis Centers across Canada.  
Sincerely  
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable organization

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:45 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable organization

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:14 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable organization

Hello,

How are you? I thank you for your leadership in this free city that we live in. I wanted to write as I am a concerned citizen and mother. It has recently come to my attention that "Crisis Pregnancy Center" is potentially being stripped of it's charitable status.

I do not understand why a centre that shows love and compassion and counselling for young mothers is not considered as a charitable organization.

The center offers a 24 crisis line, they offer counselling, and grief counseling as well. As a mom I can't imagine how alone some single mothers feel when they have an unwanted pregnancy. It's even harder when they have no one to speak to or help support them if they want the baby. This just breaks my heart. Who are we to say that we should play God and choose whether a baby should die in its mothers womb. A mothers womb is meant to be the most safe place that a baby can be. Who will stand up for the lives of the innocent? Please keep this charitable center open . It has changed peoples lives for the better!! This city needs to stand up for the rights of the unborn and support and Love those people in need.

Won't you please help stand up for what is right and keep this important center open!

Sincerely,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:18 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Mandate Letter from Prime Minister

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:16 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Mandate Letter from Prime Minister

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:15 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Mandate Letter from Prime Minister

March 20, 2022

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,

Thank you for your service to our country. We acknowledge that to be in your position is not an easy task and pray that the Lord God would give you wisdom, knowledge & discernment as you make critical decisions that will affect Canadian citizens for years to come.

It is our understanding that one of the issues Prime Minister Trudeau has addressed in a mandate letter to you regarding his term in office is the intention to revoke the charitable status of 'anti-abortion' organizations. This is an attack on democracy. If abortion clinics in Canada are legal and even government funded surely the services of charitable crisis pregnancy centres in Canada should also be allowed. Crisis pregnancy centres offer a 24 hour crisis line for those in need to receive free, non-judgmental, confidential counseling as well as practical support such as free formula, diapers, furniture, etc. This includes walking alongside people throughout their pregnancy (taking them to appointments, providing emotional support and so on) as well as grief counseling for those who have lost a child or are struggling with the after affects of choosing an abortion. The support offered by crisis pregnancy centres is crucial to the well being of many Canadians each year and to revoke these organizations would be a great disservice to our citizens. We trust that you will recognize this to be true and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:18 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking of charitable status for anti abortion groups

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:14 PM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Revoking of charitable status for anti abortion groups

**From:**

**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 12:27 PM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>

**Subject:** Revoking of charitable status for anti abortion groups

Hi Ms. Freeland,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I would like to start by thanking you for your service to Canada, a country I was born in and love deeply. It can not be easy to represent so many with different views and values.

I am writing today as I have recently become aware of the Forward for Everyone platform put forth by the Liberal Party. More specifically, the intent of the party to remove the charitable status of anti-abortion organizations, with specific reference to the Crisis Pregnancy Centres, who not only provide "non-judgemental" counselling services, but also provide grief counselling to those who have lost a child and ongoing support by providing items such as diapers, formula and much more. (<https://liberal.ca/our-platform/protecting-your-sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights/>)

My values as a Christian include the protection of the unborn and toward that end I am highly grieved by this political platform. I don't ask that the charitable status be removed from pro-abortion groups, even though that goes against my beliefs. I ask that those who are in crisis have access to both sides of counseling and that the government not make this decision for them by revoking the charitable status of either group.

Please look into your heart Ms. Freeland and vote as a representative of all the constituents of Canada that you represent and not as the Liberal Party has deemed you should vote.

Thank you for your time,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable status

Hello,

I am writing today to thank you for your time and efforts as you serve in your position, and to encourage you to continue even through these difficult times as we come out of a pandemic that has affected every Canadian.

I am also writing to share with you my thoughts towards revoking the charitable status from organizations who rely heavily on this status. I am speaking primarily of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers across Canada, as they are being targeted and will be closed if their charitable status is revoked. Regardless of where you and I personally stand on the issue of abortion, this organization provides unbiased help and support to women who are facing one of the most difficult decisions in their life. If women choose to end the baby's life, the Center cares for the women by providing counselling, shelter, and practical care in the way of clothes and meals. If women choose to keep their baby, the Center provides counselling, shelter, diapers, meals and baby clothing. This is fundamentally one of the most important resources a woman has in this situation when she has no one else to support her. Even women who suffer from miscarriages or a death of an infant can receive counselling and help from the Center.

I realise there is no discussion required in order for their charitable status to be revoked. Please hear me when I say that we need to do what is right towards our fellow person, we need the Pregnancy Crisis Centers to thrive.

Please do whatever you can, as you represent the people in my province, in my country, to allow the Centers to carry on as they have been over the years. They do a practical and important work in our cities. I want to be very clear, I support them and I want our government to support them as well.

Thank you for your time and for listening to my concerns,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Loss of Charitable status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:51 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Loss of Charitable status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Loss of Charitable status

DEAR HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND

It's been brought to my attention that Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Winnipeg will be losing its charitable status. As someone who lost a baby years ago and could have used the help of a centre like this I am shocked and amazed that the Liberals would close this place down. As a Christian I am again reminded of the fact that we no longer have the right to free thought, and free speech in Canada. It is for those reasons I am asking you to please reconsider this mandate.

Thank you,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: mandate for changes to status of anti-abortion organizations

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: mandate for changes to status of anti-abortion organizations

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:03 PM  
**To:** Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Falk, Ted - M.P. <Ted.Falk@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** mandate for changes to status of anti-abortion organizations

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,  
Thank you for the way you have served our country through a couple of intense years as a nation!  
The job you do is not simple and I am grateful for the work you do.  
It is come to my attention that there is an agenda or mandate going forward to amend the Income Tax Act so that any anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and opeions should become ineligible for charitable status. There may be organizations that operate dishonestly, I believe you are lumping them all together in one group. The organization, 'The Crisis Pregnancy Center' is being unfairly and wrongfully targeted as part of this group. Have you looked into this? They are honest, kind, considerate and helpful. They will help ANYONE.

Please do not be a politician who makes their life easy by doing the wrong thing. That makes for a sad day for too many.

Thanks for your willingness to read this - at least I hope you do!

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:20 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Forward for Everyone

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:49 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Forward for Everyone

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Forward for Everyone

Dear Ms. Freeland,

We thank you for your service to the people of our country. I'm sure it is not easy juggling everyone's concerns. We have one more item to add to the list that we think is very important. This item deals with discrimination, freedom of choice and freedom of religion.

We have just learned about a bill that was brought forward in 2021. It was called "Forward for Everyone". In this platform it states that the government would "No longer provide status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy centers) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them." In the title of the document, it speaks about being forward for everyone. Sadly, the remainder of the document does not substantiate the Everyone. **Everyone** includes the unborn children. **Everyone** includes pregnant women and their partners. **Everyone** includes mothers and fathers who have lost children due to miscarriage. No one is forced to go to the Pregnancy Crisis Centers. It is available for all who are seeking help and call the centers that are open 24/7. They do not provide dishonest counselling. They tell the truth which society often does not wish to face. A child is not last weeks meat that is thrown away and then forgotten about. A child is a part of each woman that carries that child, and that child remains a part of the mother forever. If anyone cares to look at the statistics for how abortions affect mothers, you will see that it has long reaching effects for the mother. Some of the effects are increase in depression, increase in suicide, increase in problems of the reproductive health of the woman, long term, life threatening infections and the list goes on. An abortion is not a quick decision to make at a time of great stress. Think of how much healthier society would be when people don't have the guilt of an abortion on their minds. Maybe they will have the child and give it up for adoption. . People in these situations need counselling and it should be available to those that want it. Just because abortion is legal does not make it good. Just because abortion is available to all does not mean everyone wants it. The Crisis Pregnancy centers and other organizations that provide this type of assistance are there to provide that for those that want it. They also provide assistance after the child is born. Do abortion clinics provide any assistance for the myriad of problems that arise after an abortion?

It will be a huge disservice that you are providing for your constituents if organizations such as these are denied charitable status. We pray that you will do the right thing and speak against this so called planned Forward for Everyone in which many people will have their freedom removed or denied. The citizens of Canada need to know what is happening in government so that we are not railroaded into a life that no one wants and dishonors life.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:20 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status of CPC'

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From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:13 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable status of CPC'

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From:  
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 11:40 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable status of CPC'

Dear Minister,

> Thank you for standing with the Ukrainian people. I support an organization who is there providing aid on the ground.  
> I also support the Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg and have done so for 35 years. This agency supports the most vulnerable people of Winnipeg - the yet unborn, those tiny developing persons in the womb.  
> I consider the governments characterization of these agencies to be a complete lie. The information provided is true and the love and support provided is unconditional and generous. You can decide these tiny lives are masses of tissue - but that doesn't make it so.  
> If you proceed with revoking the charitable status of groups like this you will have a stain on your government and a stain on this nation which is already stained by the lack of any legal protection for the unborn.  
> Please reconsider this egregious proposal.  
> Thank you.

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> Sent from my iPhone

## Charron, Nathalie

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**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:20 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: A request from one woman to another  
**Attachments:** March 16 CPC.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:52 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: A request from one woman to another  
**Importance:** High

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 12:10 PM  
**To:** [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca); Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** A request from one woman to another  
**Importance:** High  
Minister Freeland,  
First, I wish to thank you for choosing public service, and for representing our country in very challenging times. As a woman, I am encouraged by and rooting for you! I know the slings and arrows of public life can be disheartening, and I fear it keeps many good people away from running for office.  
I can honestly say, while I take my responsibility to vote very seriously and have never missed an opportunity to stay informed and cast my ballot on election day, I cannot recall a time when I have actually written to my MP or to someone in your position. Today, I must, as I am gravely concerned about a decision the federal government is considering that I fear will be most damaging to vulnerable women.  
As a woman, I am deeply distressed to hear of the government's plans to remove vital counselling and care services from women in crisis by revoking the charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres across our country. I can only assume that this decision is based on the advice of some ill-informed men who think they know what happens at these centres, and not by thoughtful women who understand the need for judgement-free love and support when a woman is faced with an unplanned pregnancy. If our government truly wishes to be "pro-choice", then, in a free and democratic society, it must allow for organizations who may have a different perspective on the sanctity of all life, and appreciate that they provide an essential service for women who wish to know ALL their choices, before making a life-altering decision for themselves and their unborn babies. To deny women access to this care, is to deny them choice. Leaving women experiencing a crisis pregnancy only ONE choice, is not pro-choice.  
In the Prime Minister's Mandate Letter of December 16<sup>th</sup>, it is implied that Crisis Pregnancy Centres offer "dishonest counselling to women". Again, I can only assume this misinformation comes from men who have never spoken to a woman who has availed herself of these vital services, or to any staff member, or to any volunteer of a Crisis Pregnancy Centre. As a woman who has volunteered with a CPC several years ago, and who knows people who have committed their lives to serving there as staff, I can assure you, without a hint of reservation, that this is not the case. Women choose to come to a Crisis Pregnancy Centre of their own free will in search of acceptance, assistance, and alternatives. They find all this and so much more. These women find love, acceptance, and care....no matter what they decide with respect to their pregnancies. If you have been told anything different, it is simply not true.  
As a woman, I implore you to not let this removal of charitable status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres happen. I realize you have many huge responsibilities at this moment, but thousands of women in this country are counting on you to represent and care for us by ensuring we all have access to these vital services when we need them. **Please, fight for our choice!**

Sincerely,

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March 16, 2022

Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister of Canada

[chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca)

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charity and Pro Abortion

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:01 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charity and Pro Abortion

**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 11:34 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Charity and Pro Abortion

Dear Rt Honorable Chrystia Freeland,

It recently came to my attention that the federal government is seriously considering revoking the status of organizations that provide charitable services such as free maternity and infant clothing to those in need, free grief counseling, and a crisis counseling hotline to women who find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy. The targeted organizations are pro-life human rights organizations.

Please don't do it.

It does not matter if an organization is "pro-life" that is to say, anti abortion, and you personally or the majority of the ruling party are pro-abortion. That is not the question. Revocation of charitable status in this case would be anti-freedom of religion, anti-freedom of choice, un Canadian, and a most draconian form of 'back door' government social engineering. The driver is pure politics.

I don't mind that many people are pro abortion but I would not want my children's children to live in a Canada of mandated abortions to appease the next generation of idealogues. And don't bother saying you are above it or it could never happen, history is unkind to such claims.

Respectfully, stop this now please.

Looking forward to your reply,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:14 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable organizations - Crisis Pregnancy Center

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:53 AM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Charitable organizations - Crisis Pregnancy Center

**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:57 AM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Charitable organizations - Crisis Pregnancy Center

Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,

I am in disagreement with your idea of canceling Charitable organisations such as the Crisis Pregnancy Center and closing their locations for the reason of them "not" counseling correctly.

Have you visited any of these locations? Have you had a conversation with staff or anyone that has been counselled and helped at any of these locations?

This will not help people who are in crisis and need help!

We implore that you withdraw your actions immediately, this is unacceptable. This is not Canada as it was founded, for the people.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 10:23 AM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:**

**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 7:17 PM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres

It has come to my attention that the government is attempting to remove the charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres.

It is not OK to remove the charitable status of an organization that helps women with their right to choose life for their unborn child. Women need this choice. Please do not allow our government to remove this support.

Thank-you,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking charitable status for pregnancy centres in Canada

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking charitable status for pregnancy centres in Canada

**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 8:25 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Revoking charitable status for pregnancy centres in Canada  
Honourable Chrystia Freeland,  
Greetings from northwestern Ontario!  
I am deeply concerned if the government revokes the charitable status  
for crisis pregnancy centres across Canada. These centres are very caring,  
non-judgmental, and are very supportive of all women who come through  
their doors. They are providing a very practical, helpful resource for all these  
women who are in crisis, regardless of their background or need.  
Thank you very much for hearing my concern.  
Respectfully,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:22 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Care Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Care Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:56 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Pregnancy Care Centres

Dear Ms. Freeland

I am writing on behalf of Canadians who have not yet breathed their first breath. Some of these valuable members of our society are in danger of being brutally murdered at a very vulnerable stage of life, because their parents feel that there are no other options.

Pregnancy Care Centres provide compassionate honest information to assist in this parents facing unexpected or unexpectedly difficult pregnancies. They let them know that if they decide to carry the pregnancy to term, they can receive the support they need. In addition, they provide counselling for those who are unhappy with a previous choice to abort - so that they can process their feelings and move forward with peace.

I am writing to request that you do not remove charitable status from Pregnancy Care Centres in Canada.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status for crisis pregnancy Centers

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:38 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status for crisis pregnancy Centers

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:33 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable status for crisis pregnancy Centers

Thank you for your service in parliament. Please consider stopping the mandate letter Mr. Trudeau put forth affecting charitable status for crisis pregnancy Centers across Canada. These Centers are being targeted, they are being said to give misguided information to clients, that in itself IS misinformation. They are one of the only places of help for those needing help.

Please look into this matter.  
Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Removing Charitable Status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 10:27 AM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Removing Charitable Status

**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 10:19 AM

**Subject:** Removing Charitable Status

Good morning,

Thank you for the work that you do in representing Canada.

As someone who lives in Winkler, MB, I've become concerned with the agenda that is being put forth of removing the Charitable Status of pregnancy care centres in Canada.

I know of people who have received kind, compassionate, non-judgmental care from our local centre, regardless of their personal situation.

Please, PLEASE do not allow this agenda to go forward. I personally know many people who are greatly disturbed by this agenda, as it will be taking options away from those affected by unplanned pregnancies and it will set a dangerous precedent for other organizations that genuinely care about people who are in crisis.

Best regards,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking of charitable status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 7:44 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking of charitable status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:47 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Revoking of charitable status

The Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
I Thankyou for your service in our government in these trying days. I am very concerned about the revoking of charitable status from some of our organizations. I am speaking of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers. This is a hard working organization, which is trying to do " right" by their fellow citizens. They provide many services for mothers , who want to keep their babies. This would be an injustice toward many!

Yours truly

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 7:41 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 3:29 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Good afternoon,

I appreciate your service to our country, thank you.

It has come to my attention that there is talk of ending the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres in our country. I find this very sad. These centres support and care for so many women in distress- women unable to conceive, those who have lost their unborn babies, those who are considering abortion and those who are grieving post abortion. They don't judge. They just embrace, love and help these women heal from a standpoint that few of us can understand. Please, please do not revoke their charitable status! There is no one who will do the work they do for women who are suffering and struggling in these situations.

Sincerely,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Appeal

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 7:42 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Appeal

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Letter of Appeal

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,

As a proud citizen of Canada, I am deeply troubled by the threat to charitable organizations, particularly Crisis Pregnancy Centres, that give non-judgemental support to those experiencing a personal crisis. The CPC offer help 24 hours a day 7 days a week, giving free services such as diapers, formula, and furniture to those in need. They are being targeted and accused of 'dishonest counseling' as they assist women who've called for help and someone to talk to.

The revoking of charitable status is reprehensible as it contravenes The Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms. Under the Charter, we have a right to freedom of conscience and religion. Does that apply only to the non-religious, the non-Christian, the pro-abortionist? We have the right to equality. Do the Christian or Christian organizations not have the same rights?

If the charitable status is revoked, the government will seize all assets, buildings, property, bank accounts, any and all holdings. Are we living under a dictatorship, a regime where we, the people, have no rights? And then what's next after the Crisis Pregnancy Centres? Churches, synagogues, mosques? Where does it stop if we don't have an ideology exactly like our prevailing government? Is this not what makes us a beautiful nation – our diversity? Our Prime Minister has stated as much that our diversity is what makes Canada a wonderful nation. Or is that only words and we need to conform in all aspects or be cancelled?

I pray that wisdom will prevail, and sound decisions will be made leading us to become a united nation a strong nation where everyone's rights are respected.

Please stand against the decision to revoke the charitable status of organizations such as Pregnancy Crisis Centres and pro-life centres.

Respectfully,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Mandate letter written by the Prime Minister to remove the Crisis Preganancy Center as a charitable donation

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 7:39 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Mandate letter written by the Prime Minister to remove the Crisis Preganancy Center as a charitable donation

**From**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Mandate letter written by the Prime Minister to remove the Crisis Preganancy Center as a charitable donation

Dear Ms. Freeland,

I am writing to you about the mandate letter written by the Prime Minister about the removal of the charitable donation status of the Crisis Pregnancy Center. I believe this is an attack on our democracy and on our freedom and who we are as people. I know this does not have to pass a bill, and there is no legislation for this, the Minister of National Revenue just needs to sign the bill and it's a done deal. What if your mother had decided to get an abortion? Our country is going in the wrong direction. We need these kinds of things to stop. Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis pregnancy centre - charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 7:34 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Crisis pregnancy centre - charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 6:35 PM  
To: Falk, Ted - M.P. <Ted.Falk@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Crisis pregnancy centre - charitable status

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concern that the current liberal government is revoking or threatening to revoke the charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres simply due to the fact that they are pro life. There are millions of people across the world who believe life begins at conception. Women who want to have a baby have the right to do so and should have the right to receive support if needed.

The Trudeau government has made it clear that any person who disagrees with Trudeau's ideology is to be demonized and their views are considered "unacceptable." Wanting to preserve life is important. I realize it does not fit well with the "great reset" and depopulation agenda being pushed currently however it is essential that charities do not lose status simply because their views doesn't line up with Trudeau's narrow definition of what is acceptable. Churches are surely next to be targeted if this continues as it's a slippery slope. Look how many pastors have been targeted, imprisoned and fined for simply holding differing views.

On a whole other topic, we want to see open borders without the discrimination of vax passes. We want to be able to travel freely without mandates. The USA has dropped mask mandates on planes and Canada still requires the vax pass. It's completely unacceptable! My husband has medical issues that prevent him from receiving the vax and here we are being punished by not being allowed to travel by air in our own country and having the cops monitor a 2 week quarantine when we return. COVID IS OVER. We have been healthy the whole time and have not known any person who has passed away from the virus. In a real pandemic we would be aware of many people passing away.

Thank you for your time,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:15 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking charitable Status

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:53 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking charitable Status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:02 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Revoking charitable Status

Dear Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

I am writing to you today to thank you for your service to our government and to our country. While I have not always supported the actions your government has taken, I can acknowledge that this has been a difficult and troubling time in our nation and around the world.

I am writing to you today to ask that you give your attention to the request to mandate the revocation of charitable status to various organizations in our country, including the upwards of 80 Pregnancy Crisis Centres that operate in our communities. These organizations have been cited as providing "dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of pregnancy." As a child welfare social worker, I have seen these kinds of organizations work tirelessly for women and their families to support and hold them up in times of crisis. They operate 24 hour crisis lines and offer non-judgemental, confidential, and free counselling services. They also offer grief counselling to those who have experienced the loss of a child. They provide tangible supports to families who are suffering under the ever increasing inflation at a time when a meager dollar hardly stretches to cover the ballooning prices of the most basic necessities in life. Pregnancy crisis centres provide my clients with milk, infant formula and diapers among many other items.

I am asking you today to support your constituents and my clients who represent some of the most vulnerable people in our society and oppose this request for mandate. I appreciate your time and consideration today.

Regards

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Risk of Charitable Status Revocation

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 7:27 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Risk of Charitable Status Revocation

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 10:21 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Risk of Charitable Status Revocation

Hello,

Thank you for all you do to make Canada a wonderful country to be a part of. I am writing today to bring forth a concern I have relating to a government mandate to you in December to revoke the charitable status of organizations that provide "false information around abortion" specifically named in your election platform as "Crisis Pregnancy Centres". As a citizen I am deeply concerned that the government would consider such an action. Pregnancy care centres help thousands of women, men and children in Canada every year and to have that shut down just because their values differ from current government is appalling. And where does it stop? Think of all the charitable organizations out there that have differing values from those of government, are they next? Canadian fundamental freedoms of thought, belief, opinion and expression are at risk of violation if this mandate proceeds, not to mention the thousands of women and families that will lose a support in our communities.

Please consider my concern and allow Pregnancy Centres in Canada to keep their charitable status so they can continue helping those in need.

Thank you,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Plan to revoke charitable status of pro life clinics

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Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 7:25 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Plan to revoke charitable status of pro life clinics

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 11:12 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Plan to revoke charitable status of pro life clinics

Hello Ms Freeland:

I am writing to express my opposition to the liberal party plan to revoke the charitable status of pro life clinics such as Crisis Pregnancy Centres. Abortion is a serious issue with serious consequences on both sides. But abortion is fully government funded in this country . We should at least continue to give charitable status to pro life organizations to balance the equation so both opinions continue to at least be heard and so the good work done by these pro-life organizations can continue. If we don't, how is that "Pro-choice"? It's not, it's simply "Pro-abortion".

I am concerned that this could happen, but also that it could happen without debate. Please oppose this plan. Please raise this issue in the house.

Thank you for your service to our democracy.

Regards,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:50 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding the charity status of anti-abortion organizations

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:31 PM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Regarding the charity status of anti-abortion organizations

**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:26 PM

**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Regarding the charity status of anti-abortion organizations

Dear Deputy PM Freeland and Minister Lebouthillier

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this letter is to ask you to stop trying to make anti-abortion organizations ineligible for charitable status.

I heard that the government is to no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations, such as Crisis Pregnancy Centres, saying they are providing dishonest counseling to women.

However, if you look into this matter closely, their counseling is based on the proven scientific fact of pregnancy. A fetus is a human being with his/her heart beating.

Think about what God will say about what your government is planning to do.

The life of a baby in the womb is given by God the Creator.

With all due respect, I ask you to reconsider.

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Thank you for reading this letter.

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:51 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable status for pregnancy centers

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:31 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable status for pregnancy centers

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:27 PM  
To: Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Duguid, Terry - M.P. <Terry.Duguid@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable status for pregnancy centers

Dear MPs,

I'm writing out of great concern for the consideration that has been undertaken to remove charitable status from pregnancy centers (such as Crisis Pregnancy Centre).

Winnipeg, a city of over 750k, only has 1 such centre, that serves to give women (and their partners), the help they need in times of crisis. An unplanned pregnancy can be a very challenging time for women, especially those in poor economic situations. These women deserve the right to choose how to move forward in THEIR situation. Their situation is not ours or the governments to choose.

When a not-for-profit centre chooses to give those women comfort, care, support and even love, that should be supported and championed.

Our family has donated items for women and children to that centre, just as we have donated to other humanitarian crisis in Canada and beyond, that has been our choice.

If you choose to not support, that is your choice, remember in Canada we champion choice, time and time again, we fight for choice. It's not yours, it's not mine, it's the individual in any given situation, especially women.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:51 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status

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Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:29 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable Status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:59 PM  
To: Bergen, Candice - M.P. <candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Cc: Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable Status

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this letter to let you know I am deeply concerned about our federal government's intention to revoke charitable status to the Crises Pregnancy Care Centres across our country. Crises Pregnancy Care Centres are not anti-abortion centres.

Our region has been very fortunate to have a Crises Pregnancy Care Centre for many years.

They serve to provide counselling for women who find themselves in a situation that is sometimes unexpected and unanticipated, who are feeling overwhelmed and unsure of what to do. Crises Pregnancy Care Centre offer options, whether that be keeping the baby, giving it up for adoption or aborting. Whatever choice is made, they come alongside the woman and help her get through it in every way, without imparting any bias. There is no pressure put upon the woman to make one choice or the other, but full respect for the choice she makes is given.

Many women find help through Crises Pregnancy Care Centres, to get through their situations in whatever choice they make. Their mental health is positively impacted by the services provided by these Centres.

To revoke charitable status for Crises Pregnancy Care Centres would be a loss for our women, and would be deeply felt across the country.

I implore our government to continue supporting our women by continuing to provide charitable status to these Centres, allowing them to do the work that has had such an impact and has brought many a woman through difficult life changing decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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**de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**

## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:51 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Loss of charitable status - Crisis Pregnancy Centre

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:12 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Loss of charitable status - Crisis Pregnancy Centre

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:27 PM  
To: Carr, Jim - M.P. <Jim.Carr@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Loss of charitable status - Crisis Pregnancy Centre

Dear Honourable Member of Parliament and Ministers,

I am a constituent of Winnipeg South Centre, in Manitoba.

Thank you for all the work you are doing on behalf of your constituents in Ottawa.

The work you are doing is important, and not always easy - and I want to thank you for it.

The matter regarding which I am writing today is the potential loss of charitable status for the Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Winnipeg. I am deeply saddened to hear about this proposed change.

Winnipeg has a large population of structurally disadvantaged individuals, and women from a disadvantaged background are more likely to have multiple barriers stacked against them - poverty, addictions, poor mental health, domestic violence, etc.

In the instance of an unwanted pregnancy, I believe it is important for women to have multiple options available to them.

Abortion is one option, but it shouldn't be the only option that is available to structurally disadvantaged women.

Crisis Pregnancy Centre offers non-judgemental counselling, and supports for women who are dealing with an unwanted pregnancy. They offer a valuable option for many women, who feel overwhelmed and unable to keep their pregnancy for financial or psychosocial reasons. Letting them keep their charitable status would allow them to continue to provide this alternative to women who need supports to keep their pregnancy.

Women who come from a more privileged background rarely need to seek the help of organizations such as Crisis Pregnancy Centre.

My argument and plea for Crisis Pregnancy Centre to keep their charitable status is based on three principles - 1. Equity - Organizations such as Crisis Pregnancy Centre provide a valuable, safe, and non-judgmental space for disadvantaged women who want to keep their pregnancies. They provide basic material needs, such as diapers, and formula, infant and

maternity clothes, that go a long way to make women feel supported and empowered. To take that option away, disproportionately affects the most disadvantaged groups of women in Winnipeg.

2. Compassion - The women who access Crisis Pregnancy Centre are in a crisis point in their lives. The non-judgemental, supportive, listening ears that are available through this organization to women who desperately need someone to talk to, without feeling judged or coerced, is worth every dollar. No matter what our political backgrounds, I believe the Canadian government to be one that is inherently compassionate, and the move to strip this organization of their charitable status, seems much at odds with the nature and values of our society.

3. Tolerance - No matter what our views on abortion, I believe as a mom, that every woman deserves the opportunity to feel supported in their pregnancy. The existence of Crisis Response Centre in Winnipeg, provides exactly that. It does not threaten or take away access to abortion services in Winnipeg. But, it provides support for women who are seeking an alternative to abortion.

Coming back to privilege, this does not affect women who are well-to-do. And I believe, options should be available not just for the well-to-do.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 30, 2022 2:08 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear |

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

H. Clancy  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
/Agente de correspondance  
Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 25 Mar 2022 12:11:46 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Women in Need >>>

Dear Sir:

I know you are very busy with global issues just now, but there is an issue at home that needs to be addressed. I am writing today to ask that you do not close our Crisis Pregnancy Centre by removing their charitable status. Our family has been very involved with women who choose to keep their babies, and those who do not.

Either way, these women need support, and closing CPC's will remove many of the resources they depend on. Please have a heart, and a conscience, when it comes to allowing us to support these women through such a critical season. We are not asking you to do anything, just let us continue in this very important work.

Thankyou.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 30, 2022 5:47 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [redacted]

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. In your correspondence, you raise an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Deputy Prime Minister Freeland for information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

C. Chaar  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agent de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/  
Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 25 Mar 2022 01:53:47 PM >>>  
>>> Subject : Charitable Donations status >>>

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Right Honourable Prime Minister  
Justin Trudeau  
House of Commons  
Ottawa

Dear Hon. Justin Trudeau:

In December 2021, you instructed Chrystia Freeland, the Finance Minister, to "introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status."

Clearly this is of concern to pregnancy crisis centres, pro-life organizations, and to those who support life ??? in general, like myself.

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Sadly, Canada already aborts nearly 100,000 babies a year and also gives hundreds of millions of dollars a year to women's "reproductive health," both domestically & internationally. Even so, this should not preclude the government from allowing organizations that support and help women, who choose to keep their babies, from being eligible for charitable donation status also. As a long time ProLife supporter, I strongly believe that:

« Choosing life should also be supported by the government.?«

Therefore, I strongly urge our leaders to take the steps to ensure that pregnancy crisis centres and pro-life organizations remain eligible for charitable donation status.

Thanking you/Merci,

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 31, 2022 10:42 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland, P.C.,M.P.  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. In your correspondence, you raise an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Deputy Prime Minister Freeland for information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

J.P. Vachon  
Manager/Gestionnaire  
Executive Correspondence Services  
Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 29 Mar 2022 08:03:53 PM >>>

>>> Subject : amendments to the Income Tax Act >>>

I would like you know that I am strongly against the decision of the Prime Minister to Introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations ineligible for charitable status and that this issue will influence my decision on voting during elections.

Thank you

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 4, 2022 9:29 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003174 - Meeting Request - FW: Proposed amendment to charitable eligibility rules  
**Attachments:** 2203 lt min re proposed amendment.pdf

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 11:06 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed amendment to charitable eligibility rules

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 8:43 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>; Boissonnault, Randy - M.P. <[randy.boissonnault@parl.gc.ca](mailto:randy.boissonnault@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Proposed amendment to charitable eligibility rules

Dear Ministers:

Our Board of Directors has asked that I send you the attached letter, setting out the Foundation's views on the proposal to amend the rules related to charitable eligibility for one type of organization.

We would be delighted to work with you and your officials on this matter and find ways of dealing with this issue without proceeding with the amendment that is set out in the mandate letters.

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**By e-mail**

March 31, 2022

Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Finance  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Minister:

Our Board of Directors wishes to encourage you to exercise significant caution before proceeding with the part of your mandate letter which encourages you to:

Introduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status, . . .

We believe that naming one type of organization and seeking to restrict their ability to become registered charities could create a very unfortunate precedent. Moreover, we think that there already exist powers to prevent or remove the registration of organizations that are dishonest.

We have, however, had recent experience with people alleging charities are dishonest and should lose their charitable status. You are no doubt aware that the Alberta government used its powers under the Public Inquiries Act to try to silence environmental charities on the grounds that they were dishonest and that they were significantly funded by people and organizations outside Canada. The resulting report, despite any number of flaws, gave up trying to judge the claim about dishonesty, and provided no evidence of wrongdoing by any charity.

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Nonetheless, the process itself and the final report were polarizing and created reputational damage for charities as a whole. We would not want to see this repeated at the federal level.

Of note, in his report, the commissioner who headed the inquiry conceded that he was not in a position to determine whether allegations of dishonesty were true or not. In part, this was because many of the challenged statements were opinions. People and charities are entitled to have different opinions, and there can be debates as to whether something is dishonest information or an opinion. That debate might be of interest to a student of philosophy; it would be less illuminating as a matter of charity law.

We fear that the type of amendment suggested in the mandate letter could create far more harm than good. It is entirely possible that people will begin to point fingers at other types of charities and suggest they are being dishonest. Imagine, if you will, the implications of some future government proposing to prevent charitable registration of environmental organizations on the basis that they were providing dishonest information about pollution, or educational organizations on the basis that they were teaching critical race theory (a debate currently ongoing in the United States).

We believe that existing common law allows the Canada Revenue Agency to refuse registration to any charity that is not providing a public benefit. Dishonest behaviour on factual matters – as opposed to matters of opinion – clearly would raise concerns about whether an organization met the public-benefit test. There is no need to mention one type of organization; in fact, there is much potential harm in doing so, especially since, as we understand it, there already exists (unpublished) guidance within the Charities Directorate that speaks specifically to this issue.

Moreover, the type of amendment that is proposed could well be counterproductive. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that an organization refused registration would file an appeal, forcing the courts to spend considerable time determining whether claims of dishonesty were made out or not. As you must also be aware, this type of amendment is almost certain to result in a Charter challenge. We can think of few things that are more likely to lead to significant polarization, and have spill-over effects on all types of charities.

When your government was first elected in 2015, it promised to end what it called the political harassment of charities through the Political Activities Audit Project that had been initiated by the predecessor government. That promise was kept. We fear that the proposed amendment would become simply another side of the same coin.

We encourage you, and the government, to abandon this proposal, and allow CRA to apply existing law to deal with any organizations that seek to misuse charitable status.

Yours truly

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cc: Randy Boissonnault, Associate Minister of Finance

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:15 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centers...

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:19 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centers...

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:06 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Crisis Pregnancy Centers...

Hello Honourable Freeland,  
...it has just recently been brought to my attention that the 80 Crisis Pregnancy Centers across Canada are slated to lose their charitable status. I'm afraid I don't agree with this plan. Also, young woman are NOT being provided with misinformation when they're being counseled at these center's.  
Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 4, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003217 - FW: A voice

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 11:03 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: A voice

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 10:37 AM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: A voice

Dear Chrystia Freeland,

Thank you for considering my opinion. In a democracy a voice is supposed to mean something. I believe you became involved in Parliament because you cared about our country. I am a small piece of it. I understand that earlier that charitable status was removed from Crisis Pregnancy centres. That was very disappointing. But when you believe in a cause, you support it anyway, whether there is benefit back from the government or not. But now you would like to close them for disinformation.? Is that really true? Who decided it was disinformation? How is loving and supporting distressed people wrong? My daughter works at a Pregnancy care centre. She loves and supports women. There is no pressure regarding abortion, only support to help women make an UNPRESSURED CHOICE during an unplanned pregnancy. They do follow up support and counselling with woman who have aborted their children, which saves the government money. They also help mothers who've kept their babies, with: diapers, formula, help getting back to school, finding appropriate housing. This also saves the government money.

This is what can happen when caring people are allowed to support others who are struggling. Please allow the support from Pregnancy Care Centres to continue.

Respectfully,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 10:59 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003266 - FW: DPM Web Site Comments - Health

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 4:23 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: DPM Web Site Comments - Health

Subject/Sujet : Health

Date : 2022/03/20 8:22:44 PM

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City/Ville :

Province : Postal Code/Code postal :

Telephone/Téléphone :

Comments/Commentaires : Hello deputy prime minister,

I wanted to say thank you for all the hard work that you are doing for our nation. I know that you are doing your best to help Canadians thrive especially in this difficult time.

I believe that one of the best ways to help Canadians, especially Canadian women, is by allowing crisis pregnancy centers to keep their charitable status. I know because when I was younger, I needed this type of help. I would like to ask you to please keep the charitable status of these crisis pregnancy centers because they allow non-judgmental and compassionate care to women in crisis. Contrary to popular belief, they do not force women to keep a pregnancy. Instead, they provide a non-judgmental safe place for a woman to consider all her options and receive care and resources if she chooses to keep the baby.

As a woman, I believe that every Canadian woman should have resources that will help her take care of her baby despite being unplanned. This resource has helped so many families when they were in difficult situations. It has helped women with unplanned pregnancies find resources to care for their families.

Please do not take this important resource from them.

Have a great day

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**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 11:19 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Winnipeg Crisis Pregnancy Centre

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:26 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Winnipeg Crisis Pregnancy Centre

**From:** [Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Winnipeg Crisis Pregnancy Centre

Dear Deputy Minister,

Please do not remove charitable status from our Winnipeg Crisis Pregnancy Centre.

I believe this organization is providing a valid and essential service to our community province and Country. There are many needy and hurting people, women, who are helped by the Centre.

Please continue to create an environment that makes this enormous task possible.

I understand that this is a very controversial issue and there are opposing views. I know as a parent and businessperson we don't always get everything right, however, please be very diligent and review the evidence of truth here. A decision to remove charitable status and close this centre would be devastating for clients, staff, volunteers, and donors. Probably not a stretch to say we might not agree on everything regarding abortion. My hope is that we can still agree that this centre is doing an important job here in our community.

I recognize this is not an easy time for any level of government.  
Thank you for accepting this challenge!  
Thank you for your service!

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 4:34 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 7:37 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 10:02 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Keep Charitable Status for Crisis Pregnancy

I don't normally send emails about political issues, but I thought I would about this one. I'd encouraged you to rethink the plan to remove charitable status for Crisis Pregnancy centers. It sets a dangerous precedent when government decides to remove charitable status from an organization they disagree with. What if next time the conservatives form government, they decided to remove charitable status from organizations that they may disagree with, like Greenpeace or Egale?

Thanks for your attention and for the work you do to help govern the country.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 6, 2022 8:33 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status of Pregnancy Centre's

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 1:23 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Charitable Status of Pregnancy Centre's

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 1:20 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Charitable Status of Pregnancy Centre's

Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

I'm writing because I heard the Trudeau government is trying to eliminate the charitable status of pregnancy centre's in Canada. I feel that these centre's have helped many women throughout the years. So many stories of women who have lost babies by miscarriage or abortion and don't know how to grieve. These pregnancy centre's have sat with women and held them in their grief and helped them get past their troubled minds.

I'm so upset that they would even think of taking their charitable status away. Please do not take their charitable status away!

Thank you,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 6, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy crisis charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:22 AM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Pregnancy crisis charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 11:56 AM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Pregnancy crisis charitable status

To the Deputy Primer Minister,

We thank you for taking time to hear our voices!

We are sending this email in response to what we've been hearing concerning removing the charitable status for the pregnancy crisis centers. The pregnancy centres have given women much help during crucial times!

We are disheartened to hear that the federal government wants to take away their charitable status which will close down the centre's!

Please let our voices be heard in Parliament!

Thankyou,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 6, 2022 11:06 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Women in Need

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 6:52 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Women in Need

**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 9:59 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Women in Need

**From:**  
**Date:** March 26, 2022 at 8:54:11  
**Subject:** Fwd: Women in Need

Dear Ms. Freeland:  
I know you are very busy with many issues just now, but there is a pressing issue that needs to be addressed. I am writing today to ask that you do not close our Crisis Pregnancy Centre by removing their charitable status. Our family has been very involved with women who choose to keep their babies, and those who do not. We realize the decision is theirs. Either way, these women need support, and closing CPC's will remove many of the resources they depend on. Please have a heart, and a conscience, when it comes to allowing us to support these women through such a critical season. We are not asking you to do anything, just let us continue in this very important work.  
Thankyou.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 6, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: DPM Web Site Comments - Status of Women

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 12:40 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: DPM Web Site Comments - Status of Women

Subject/Sujet : Status of Women

Date : 2022/03/23 4:40:09 PM

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Comments/Commentaires : Dear Chrystia

Address/Adresse :

Telephone/Téléphone :

City/Ville :

Province :

Thank you for all your hard work and for hearing me.

I come before you today because I heard that the Federal Government is considering taking away the Charitable Status of Pregnancy Care Centres in Canada.

I beg you to not let that happen.

We were taught that we were there to give

Women all the choices, all the pros and cons and support them no matter what decision they decided to make. This was what all the Pregnancy Care Centres are taught to do. We were taught to care for, support and be there for women, no matter what choice they decide to make. We were taught to support them for as long as they wanted us to, whether they chose to have the baby or to have an abortion.

I say this because it seems that many, many people don't know that. It seems that the present government and perhaps a lot of society think that these Centres try to coerce and talk women out of abortions. That is not why they are there. Yes, many of the people who work in them are Pro Life, but we were trained that it was not up to us to judge, that we are there to support the women no matter what and that many women who are facing those decisions are not given all the choices for them to make an informed decision for themselves. If, after giving them all the choices, the pros and cons to do with each of the choices, the woman decided to have an abortion, then we supported that decision and let them know that we love them and would be there for them. That they could come back to see us any time and we would do our best to help them any way that we could.

Women should have a right to know all their options and be loved and supported no matter their choice. Please uphold this by letting the Centres continue to do just that.

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 7, 2022 3:04 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland  
**Subject:** 003375 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

A. Noël  
Executive Correspondence Officer/Agente de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services/ Services de la correspondance de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 06 Apr 2022 09:49:43 AM >>>

>>> Subject : Protection for the voiceless >>>

Dear Mr Trudeau

> Thank you for your service to our country. The past two years have been difficult and you have had to make many hard choices. We believe you have acted with best intentions throughout the pandemic.

> We also applaud the way your government has stood for the vulnerable and voiceless victims of residential schools through the truth and reconciliation process. However, we feel there is an area where you are about to do the exact opposite.

> We appeal to you to reconsider before removing the charitable status of agencies that provide support for women who are choosing to continue with an unplanned pregnancies, such as Crisis Pregnancy Centre. We believe this organization provides a valuable support to women and a voice for alternatives to abortion. How can the government claim to support freedom of choice when it actively supports the abortion alternative while shutting down organizations that support the other alternatives?

> We also appeal to you on behalf of those who can't speak for themselves, the unborn children.

> If you revoke the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centre and sees their assets, you will be effectively shutting them down and preventing them from providing the types of supports my birthmother enjoyed. This organization provides support to women making the courageous and loving choice to go through with their pregnancy. They support single mothers who choose to keep their babies, providing both training in parenting skills and material support. They also support women who give their children up for adoption to others who are unable to conceive and have been longing for a child, like the parents who raised me. From our perspective Crisis Pregnancy Centre is all about life and love. Why would the Canadian government shut that down? We beg you to stand for the vulnerable and voiceless once again.

> Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crises Centers

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:53 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Pregnancy Crises Centers

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:19 PM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: Pregnancy Crises Centers

Dear Chrystia

Information I have received regarding the pregnancy crises centers in Canada is deeply alarming and troubling to me. It is in regards to government threats to remove the charitable status that these centers currently operate under. My understanding is that our current government wishes to remove this status because these centers do not include abortion as an option in their counseling.

I am writing to you to ask that this action not be taken. There are many, many women who do not wish to end the life that they carry in their womb. They do, however, need the listening ear, encouragement and counsel that these centers provide. Please do not take this resource away from them in their time of crises.

Sincerely

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 12:03 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Chrystia Freeland, P.C.,M.P.  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Attachments:** Crisis\_Pregnancy\_Centre\_-\_Who\_We\_Are\_Document.pdf

Madame,

Au nom du premier ministre Justin Trudeau, j'accuse réception de votre récent courriel.

Je puis vous assurer que nous avons soigneusement noté vos propos. Comme l'enjeu que vous soulevez intéresse l'honorable Chrystia Freeland, vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances, j'ai pris la liberté de lui transmettre copie de votre correspondance à titre d'information et pour examen.

Je vous remercie d'avoir pris le temps d'écrire.

M. Richer  
Agent de la correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : Received : 27 Mar 2022 11:50:55 AM >>>

>>> Subject : Révision du statut d'organisme de charité >>>

Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

En décembre, vous avez demandé au ministère des Finances la révision du statut d'organisme de charité des Crisis Pregnancy Centres, des centres à but non lucratif qui offrent, notamment, des ressources aux femmes enceintes sans offrir de services liés à l'avortement. Avec respect, je vous invite à reconsidérer une révision basée principalement sur le critère de la position d'un organisme sur l'avortement parce qu'elle limite l'offre de services aux femmes et leurs options plutôt que de les accroître.

Pour pouvoir prendre une décision librement, choisir en toute liberté, il faut avoir les moyens de choisir les différentes options. Au Canada, l'un des nombreux choix offerts aux femmes enceintes est celui de donner naissance à leur enfant. S'il existe certains « Crisis Pregnancy Centre » dont certaines pratiques ont pu laisser à désirer, ce n'est pas le cas de tous. Par exemple, celui situé au centre-ville de Winnipeg indique clairement sa position sur l'avortement dans ses premiers contacts avec les femmes et les familles qui font appel à ses services. (Voir l'annexe, en anglais seulement.) Cette franchise permet à ces dernières de faire un choix éclairé et de déterminer si l'organisme correspond à l'objet de leurs recherches. De plus, une femme pourrait désirer recevoir l'appui d'un organisme qui croit au respect de la vie dès la conception. Convaincue que les femmes ont besoin de plus d'options que moins, je trouve inadmissible que le seul critère d'être contre l'avortement puisse constituer un motif suffisant pour retirer le statut d'organisme de charité d'une entité et entraîner sa dissolution.

Par ailleurs, croire ou ne pas croire en la moralité de l'avortement ne constitue pas un critère qui détermine si le personnel respecte ou non le droit et la capacité d'une personne à prendre la meilleure décision. L'offre de counseling de qualité dépend de multiples facteurs. Dans une organisation d'aide qui s'affiche en faveur de l'avortement, des membres du personnel pourraient insister sur l'avortement en minimisant ou en ne mentionnant pas les autres options. Être en faveur de l'avortement et en faire la promotion n'est pas nécessairement synonyme d'offrir plus d'options et de liberté aux femmes. Tant par une personne préconisant l'avortement qu'une autre défendant le respect de la vie dès la conception peut choisir de manipuler une personne vulnérable.

De plus, la focalisation sur la position de l'organisme en matière de respect de la vie éclipse les nombreux autres services offerts. Je ne peux pas me prononcer sur la situation chaque « Crisis Pregnancy Centres ». Toutefois, si l'on prend l'exemple de celui de Winnipeg, l'offre de services inclut l'accompagnement de parents qui ont perdu un bébé et la fourniture d'articles pour bébé. De fait, en 2020, environ 75 % de ses services consistent à fournir aux clientes des vêtements de maternité, du linge pour bébés, des couches, du lait maternisé, et d'autres biens « matériels ». Cette même année, le centre a reçu plus de 1 200 visites, dont 314 nouvelles clientes, sans compter les centaines d'appels de courriels et de textos de clientes. (Voir le document d'information ci-joint pour plus de détails, en anglais seulement.) Retirer le statut d'organisme de charité au Crisis Pregnancy Centre de Winnipeg priverait des milliers de femmes et de familles de services d'une source d'appui matériel et émotionnel.

Je reconnais le droit et la liberté de chaque personne d'avoir ses croyances relatives à l'interruption volontaire de la grossesse. Toutefois, les décisions gouvernementales devraient favoriser et renforcer cette liberté, non la brimer en retirant des aides et un soutien qui peuvent aider des femmes à prendre une libre décision et la mettre en œuvre.

Vous remerciant de votre lecture et de votre considération, je vous prie d'accepter mes meilleures salutations.

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**Sent:** April 11, 2022 1:16 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 003510 - FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:11 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 4:51 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Dear Honorable Minister,

Thank you for taking time to read my Email. I have volunteered at a Pregnancy Centre for over 10 years. During that time we saw many different clients. 95% of the time we were encouraging Moms. We held Parenting classes, budgeting classes, cooking classes, sewing classes, fashion shows and so much more. We provided material supports such as diapers, eggs, bread, baby food, blankets children's clothing up to size 3, toys, car seats, highchairs, and so much more. The government "Child and Family Services" would often send us their clients, because we were a support to families.

Every individual has the right to make an informed decision. Women who came to the centre for advice were always made aware of ALL their options. Some chose to

1. Give the baby up for adoption
2. Keep the baby
3. Abort

The option was always theirs. If they did chose to abort they were welcomed when they came to the centre for any reason.

If the government of Canada removes the charitable status, the Pregnancy Centres will disappear. That means all of the services that we currently provide to single Mom's who are part of the disadvantaged sector or our population. That means greater poverty for single parents and for children. This move by the Government would be unconscionable. The children always looked forward to coming to the centre to play. Mom's looked forward to visiting with their peers, exchanging ideas and helping each other out.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION. Canadians are well educated and capable of deciding what misinformation is. If we leave it to the government to decide what misinformation is, every time we have a change in political party in Office we'll have a change in definition of what "misinformation" is. Please for the sake of SINGLE PARENTS AND CHILDREN do NOT remove the charitable status from the Pregnancy Centres.

Thank you for your time.

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**Sent:** April 12, 2022 8:48 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centres

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 10:44 AM

**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centres

**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:26 PM

**To:** Gazan, Leah - M.P. <Leah.Gazan@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>;

Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Pregnancy Crisis Centres

Dear Members of our Canadian government:

I have recently heard that Pregnancy Crisis Centres are in jeopardy of losing their charitable status because of "dishonest counselling" among other things.

Is their counselling dishonest? Are you judges of right and wrong that you can make this decision?

They do so much more than counselling. They provide support for these women who are carrying new life within them; practical support in so many ways. If you have children, would you want someone to pronounce death on your unborn child before they have a chance to defend themselves? Would you want to be deprived of practical support from others when you are in a vulnerable position, bearing a child?

I implore you that you consider ALL the ramifications of this decision. Canada is known for its peace-keeping status around the world. Do we now want to become known as a country that not only kills the vulnerable and defenseless but also removes the supports that uphold new life? This is a matter for grave concern. God sees, God knows.

I urge you to embrace life in all its forms, and to uphold the agencies, such as Crisis Pregnancy Centres, that support life.

I speak this on behalf of all Canadians who value life.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Pregnancy Crisis Centres

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 5:32 PM  
**To:** Leah.Gazan@parl.gc.ca; Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca; Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
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**Sent:** April 13, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Crisis Pregnancy Centre

**From:** .....  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 9:00 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centre

Dear Minister Freeland,

First off, I'd like to thank you for your service to your country. No doubt you have a thankless job, and receive lots of emails from people disagreeing with our government's actions and very few supportive ones. I'm sorry to add to this list, but let me say thanks in advance for staying in public service regardless.

My main purpose in writing is concerning the Prime Minister's election promise to take away charitable organization status from the Crisis Pregnancy Centers and other such organizations. I'm well aware that abortion is legal in Canada, and that's not the issue I'm concerned about. However, if abortion is legal, it seems reasonable that organizations looking to provide alternatives to abortion should also be allowed and encouraged. No one, even proponents of abortion, have positive things to say about the abortion process and mental stress that goes along with it. Rather, if I understand the proponents correctly, they would normally frame it as a means to get out of an undesirable situation. They may have their points, but alternatives to abortion are available, and if we desire to build a "pro-choice" nation we need to provide information about all the choices. Crisis pregnancy centre serves to educate and council women regarding abortion alternatives, and to take away its status as a charity is not a "pro-choice" decision but a "pro-abortion" one.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 13, 2022 10:12 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Revoking Charitable Status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 9:38 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Revoking Charitable Status

To Whom It May Concern:

We have recently become aware that charities advocating for the protection of unborn children, are at risk of having their charitable status revoked. We feel that women who are in the difficult situation of an unwanted pregnancy need counselling and alternatives to abortion, even though it seems the abortion will quickly end the complications. There is the matter of sanctity of life which speaks to implications for the child which is tortured and murdered. What is being considered as a woman's right to chose, becomes a haunting ongoing guilt to a significant percentage of mothers who can no longer change the course of this life developing intervention. The proposal to change the charitable status speaks about "dishonest counselling" in these charities. This is a very self serving statement designed to unfairly describe the intentions of counsellors who sincerely counsel women to give statistics of what a woman and fetus will experience during and after abortion. Valuable information is important in counselling to avoid future regret and psychological trauma.

Thank you for considering our voice for babies who have no voice.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 7:49 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW:

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 5:44 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <[Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:**

Dear people in power,  
I have been made aware of what is happening in government, and it saddens my heart that our country will stoop so low and take away charitable status from pregnancy crisis centre and say that the counselling that they do is not effective and are telling these dear women lies. This is as far from the truth as possible. Please, please hear me, they are doing a wonderful work and helping so many people. Please do not sign this new legislation that will take away this freedom from them

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 20, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: crisis pregnancy centres charitable status

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From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:41 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: crisis pregnancy centres charitable status

-----Original Message-----

From:  
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:29 AM  
To: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: crisis pregnancy centres charitable status

Dear Deputy Prime Minister, Ms. Freeland,

I am concerned about the issue of revoking the charitable status of crisis pregnancy centres. That is exactly what they are. People have started them and are working to make them effective because of their love and concern for people who have no where else to turn, and who have no other options! Many people have received help in seeing their way through a difficult decision, in keeping a baby's life, whether by taking care of it, with supports, or by giving the baby up for adoption, thus saving it's valuable life. I believe, we as Canadians value life - I certainly do. I also believe that we as Canadians value tolerance. The definition of tolerance is not only in one direction - the direction that agrees with oneself, but also in the direction of those with whom one does not necessarily agree. This revoking the status of charitable organization from the Crisis Pregnancy Centres, and thereby giving full right to seize the properties is NOT an act of tolerance. These organizations have not been established to promote hatred or to take away choice. Rather these organizations give people a choice!

Thank you for considering this serious matter!

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 26, 2022 1:42 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status - Income Tax Act  
**Attachments:** Honorable Chrystia Freeland.pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:08 AM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status - Income Tax Act

Hello,

Attached is a letter for the Honorable Freeland regarding the proposed Charitable Status change in the *Income Tax Act*.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

April 19, 2022

Dear Honorable Freeland,

Hello, I am a Canadian citizen who is deeply concerned about the proposed change in the *Income Tax Act*.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

A change like this would put all charities at risk in the future. If the beliefs of a certain government do not align with those of any given charity, that charity is at risk of becoming ineligible as well. Charities should *never* be involved in any kind of illegal activity, but there are laws in place to monitor this already.

My beloved country Canada is a land of freedom and opportunity because of the diversity that is promoted on all sorts of issues. And this should continue to be the case in a wide variety of charitable organizations. This is fundamental to our democratic society.

I beg that you do not implement this proposed change in the *Income Tax Act*. This action will have a ripple effect which could put many charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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## Charron, Nathalie

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Liberal Election Platform 2021

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 9:46 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Liberal Election Platform 2021

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 8:25 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Liberal Election Platform 2021

Dear Ms. Freeland,  
We follow your involvement in government leadership and appreciate your services as Deputy Prime Minister and as Minister of Finance.

We are dismayed though and concerned regarding the intentions of the Liberal government as stated in the Election Platform to remove charity status from "anti-abortion" organizations like Crisis Pregnancy Centres, as mentioned at one point.

"Introduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status, and to expand the Medical Expense Tax Credit to include costs reimbursed to surrogate mothers for IVF expenses. You will be supported in this work by the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth."

We have The highest regards for the Crisis Pregnancy Centre in its service and compassion toward those in crisis, especially crisis pregnancies (not to mention post abortion crises issues). We believe they offer factual information with compassion, and provide resources for individuals to make informed decisions (not anti-abortion as stated). The counseling provided is not dishonest, but rather realistic and helpful in dealing with the issues. They also provide supportive ongoing services.

**We implore you to please stand up for this service offered to those in very difficult situations.**

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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**Sent:** May 2, 2022 10:19 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations  
**Attachments:** Char. Status Letter-C.Freeland.odt

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 10:43 AM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations

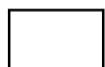
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**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations  
Dear Minister Freeland;  
Please find attached a letter regarding charitable status. Thank you for your consideration of it.  
Kind regards,

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April 28, 2022 8:58 PM  
**To:** [chrystia.freeland@dmpo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dmpo-cvpm.gc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations  
Dear Minister Freeland;  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** April 8, 2022 2:52 PM  
**To:** [chrystia.freeland@dmpo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dmpo-cvpm.gc.ca)  
**Subject:** Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations  
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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
[chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)

Dear Minister Freeland;

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

I am writing this letter not just as an employee of a registered charity, but also as a concerned citizen.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status. I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for de-registration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government. To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, and dictates positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk. But above all of this, the value of human life, pre-born or at any time, should be given ultimate respect; we've been made even more aware over the past couple of years that, "every child matters" and "all lives matter."

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 5, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status Organizations

**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 1:12 PM  
**To:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status Organizations

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 12:58 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <[Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status Organizations

Dear Deputy Prime minister,

Firstly may I thank you for your service to the citizens of Canada, who have elected you into the political office that you occupy. I believe that you are there serving your fellow Canadians with their best interests at heart.

I write this email with concern over the status of charitable organizations in our country and in particular the Pregnancy Distress Centers throughout Canada. I have heard that there may be a possibility that your government will remove their charitable status. I find this distressing to say the least as I know them to be a caring, compassionate organization that offers help to those women who come through their doors. They provide information and help in a non coercive manner and provide assistance personally tailored to each person's needs, dependent on the woman's request.

Our women in our country need a service such as Pregnancy Distress Centers and our democracy hopefully will be one that supports this and other charitable organizations. As someone who works at a homeless shelter in my city, I fear that this could start other organizations from having their status withdrawn. That would be tragic.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** May 16, 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE); fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** RE: MCU2022-00618 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Attachments:** Crisis Pregnancy Center's Status.pdf

Hi Alexandria,

Finance will not be responding, we have filed and closed this file.

Thank you,

Nathalie Charron  
Correspondence Analyst / Correspondancier Departmental Correspondence Unit / Unité de la correspondance  
ministérielle Consultations and Communications Branch / Direction des consultations et communications Department of  
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From: Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fcfc-swc.gc.ca>  
Sent: May 12, 2022 9:57 AM  
To: fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
Cc: Correspondance / Correspondence (FEGC/WAGE) <CFC.Correspondance-Correspondence.SWC@fcfc-swc.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: MCU2022-00618 - Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Good morning,

Please find attached a correspondence that was sent to both our Ministers. Can you please advise if your department will be responding to the letter.

Thank you very much,

Alexandria Goulet

Agente, assurance de la qualité, Secrétariat général Femmes et Égalité des genres Canada / Gouvernement du Canada  
alexandria.goulet@fegc-wage.gc.ca / Tél. :

Quality Control Officer, Corporate Secretariat Women and Gender Equality Canada / Government of Canada  
alexandria.goulet@fegc-wage.gc.ca / Tel:

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From: Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
Sent: May 6, 2022 5:57 PM  
To:

Cc: Chrystia Freeland <fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca>; Marty.Morantz@parl.gc.ca; The Honourable Marci Ien / L'honorable Marci Ien (FEGC/WAGE) <The.Honourable.Marci.Ien@cfc-swc.gc.ca>  
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to thank you for writing and for sharing your concerns related to the charity status of crisis pregnancy centers. Your Member of Parliament, Mr. Marty Morantz, kindly forwarded your email to the Prime Minister.

Given that the matter you have raised falls within the purview of my colleagues, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Marci Ien, I have asked that a copy of our exchange be sent to their attention for consideration.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

Jean-Luc Marion  
Senior Manager, Prime Minister's Correspondence Office of the Prime Minister

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**Date** 2022-03-31  
**From** Marty - M.P. Morantz <Marty.Morantz@parl.gc.ca>  
**To** Justin - Député Trudeau <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>  
**CC** Marty - Personal Morantz <Marty.Morantz.P9@parl.gc.ca>

**Subject**

Fw: A concern from your Headingley constituent

**E Mail Body**

Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,

..... are constituents within my riding and would like you to hear their concerns.

..... has done amazing selfless work in helping young at-risk women through their pregnancies in times of crisis and she is seriously worried that your government will revoke Crisis Pregnancy Centers across the country of their charitable status.

Please see the forwarded message and letter ..... originally sent to my office regarding this issue and do not hesitate to reach out if you need more information.

I have cc'd ..... in this email.

Kind regards,

Marty Morantz  
Member of Parliament for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia-Headingley

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From:  
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 5:34 PM  
To: Morantz, Marty - M.P. <Marty.Morantz@parl.gc.ca>  
Cc: .....  
Subject: A concern from your Headingley constituent

Hi Marty,

My husband I both voted for you. We were impressed that you walked up our super long driveway to say, "Hi, vote for me!"

We have a concern that the current government has promised to 'revoke the charity status' of our Winnipeg Crisis Pregnancy Centre and of all the CPCs across Canada. It hasn't happened yet, but the Prime Minister has, in mid-December, directed the Minister of Finance to start the process.

First off pregnancies are not all happy affairs. Some truly are a crisis (!) ... and this is the experience I want to share: About 6 years ago I mentored a young woman in her 20's. She was single and pregnant. Not only that, but the possible father was abusive towards her. Who could she talk to?? What were her options?? Her life was totally upside-down and she had no money for counseling. I had heard of the good work of Crisis Pregnancy and pointed her in their direction.

After receiving counselling from Crisis Pregnancy she made her decision to put her child up for adoption. Crisis Pregnancy pointed her to the right agency. She ended up keeping her child (and getting away from the abusive man), in part, because Crisis Pregnancy

was there at the right time for her. Please know that her life today is a far cry from where it was. She is financially sound, is an amazing parent and lives at peace with her decision made 6 years ago.

I don't know about other Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Canada. We always get a picture in our minds of picketers shouting with political and religious agendas. Is that an American thing? ... because it's certain not the case that I am aware of here in Winnipeg ... Crisis Pregnancy Centre services go far beyond caring for the woman with an unplanned pregnancy (as the attachment will tell you). Anyway you size it up, it will be one major loss for women (because, of course, it's mostly women use this resource) largely in our West End and the Inner part of our city because of its location on Broadway.

I am told that revoking the charity status doesn't only mean that a charity (the CPC) will not be able to issue tax-receipts, it also means that ALL of the assets of the charity must be dispersed. This means that our building, properties, and donation monies will be lost. Years of good work, charity and connections in the community will be lost. Women will suffer the loss.

Above is a summary attachment of the history of/work of Crisis Pregnancy Centre (your time is precious) but if you want more information, we can forward you a longer attachment.

Thank you for your time and concern,

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PS Would there be any point in sending this letter to the Prime Minister's office too?

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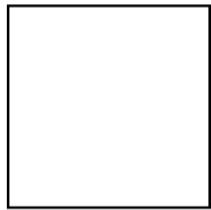
**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 18, 2022 8:50 AM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Letter re: Charitable Status for Pro-life Organizations  
**Attachments:** letter to ministers - re- charitable status.pdf

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:46 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>; minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca; cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Letter re: Charitable Status for Pro-life Organizations

Please see attached letter



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Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
[chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)

Honourable Marci Ien  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
[minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca](mailto:minister-ministre@swc-cfc.gc.ca)

Honourable Diane Lebouthillier  
Minister of National Revenue  
[cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca](mailto:cra.minister-ministre.arc@cra.gc.ca)

May 17, 2022

Dear Hon. Minister Freeland, Hon. Minister Ien and Hon. Minister Lebouthillier,

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

I'm very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

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If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 18, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** "Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P." <fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 229857   Folder # : 1153393   Tracking # : 21290804E ]  
**Attachments:** Reply.doc.docx; PDF.pdf

Attention : Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The attached correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister is forwarded to your office for action or information as appropriate.

La correspondance ci-jointe adressée au Premier Ministre vous est transmise pour suite à donner ou pour information.

Correspondent / Correspondant :

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Pour de plus amples informations, veuillez composer le 941-6887

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May 13, 2022

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of May 5, 2022, regarding pro-life organizations and charitable status.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. Please be assured that your comments, have been carefully reviewed.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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K. Black  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

May 5, 2022

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS and MANDATE LETTER

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as Prime Minister.

I understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

In our opinion, the proposal will create a potentially vague and arbitrary standard. The phrase "dishonest counselling" is not currently used in any Act or regulation in Canada. Based on a legal opinion  has received, the phrase has no legally certain meaning and could be open to abuse and a legal challenge. Finally, if the proposal were to proceed, then it should be aimed at all organizations that provide abortion counselling. We hope that all organizations dealing with this sensitive issue will act appropriately. But it is also possible for an organization that promotes abortions to provide "dishonest counsel." To have a provision aimed at only one side of the issue could leave the provision open to a legal challenge and possible violation of the *Charter*. Some thought must also be given respecting who is to make the decision whether counsel has been dishonest and how evidence for the decision is to be gathered. It would be better to have the courts involved in making this decision as it does not seem that the Department of Finance has expertise in this area.

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I am also very concerned about this proposal for a number of other reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, I agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

I'm also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

CC The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The Honourable David Lametti, P.C., M.P., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

The Honourable Candice Bergen, M.P., Leader of the Opposition  
Michael Kram, M.P., Regina-Wascana

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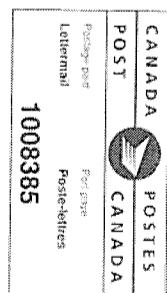
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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2



**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 27, 2022 12:40 PM  
**To:** "Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P." <fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 229943   Folder # : 1150922   Tracking # : 21020605E ]  
**Attachments:** Reply.doc.docx; PDF.pdf

Attention : Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The attached correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister is forwarded to your office for action or information as appropriate.

La correspondance ci-jointe adressée au Premier Ministre vous est transmise pour suite à donner ou pour information.

Correspondent / Correspondant :

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May 19, 2022

Dear

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of April 2, 2022, regarding pro-life organizations and charitable status.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, for her information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,



M. Bredeson  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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Prime Minister Trudeau

House of Commons

Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your efforts in our country and working toward what is right and good for all the people of Canada. I believe it to be a challenging position to keep peace among people of different beliefs, backgrounds and cultures.

There is one area of Canadian freedom that has caused me concern that I would like you to address. That is how Minister Freeland has been instructed to *"introduce amendments to the Income Tax Act to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status."*

In a country that claims to have so many desirable 'freedoms,' why has it been said that the counselling given at anti-abortion clinics is dishonest? Surely having a different view point, either culturally or spiritually does not deem that information as 'dishonest'!

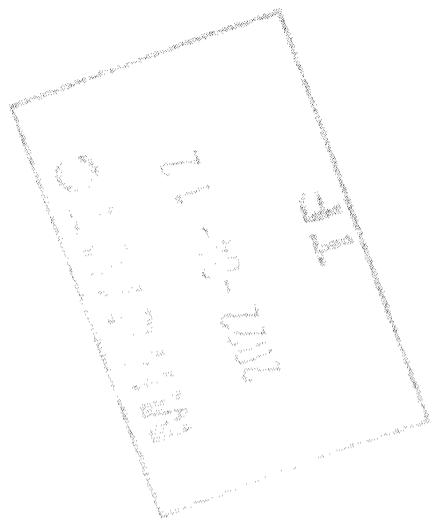
Being an individual who experienced medical challenges when wanting to start a family, and having been guided to support from a fertility clinic as well as presented the option of adoption, I have difficulty seeing how anti-abortion clinics should loose support through charitable status. These clinics provide hope, not only to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, but to those who cannot conceive and would undoubtedly offer all they can towards care for an unexpected child.

Hundreds of millions of dollars a year is given to women's reproductive health which results in the deaths of nearly 100,000 unborn babies. Why is there not more support for those who choose to keep their baby? Why is there not government support for adoptive parents? I believe that our country would be wise to show support for mothers who choose life!

Please do NOT remove charitable donation status for pregnancy crisis centre and pro-life organizations. They help women and families too!

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April 2, 2022



Prime Minister Trudeau  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

## **Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June 1, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Charitable Status

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 8:10 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Honourable/Honorable Chrystia <Chrystia.Freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Charitable Status

Honorable Chrystia Freeland

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

[chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca)

April 19, 2022

Dear Hon. Minister Christia Freeland

RE: CHARITABLE STATUS

Thank you for serving our communities and country in your capacity as a Cabinet Minister.

We are members of a local Christian church and believe that life is sacred. As such we hold a different view from the view of our Federal government with respect to beginning and end of life. Consequently we support Pro-Life organizations that counsel pregnant women that there are alternate options to abortion, and support the women who choose life.

We understand that the Prime Minister's mandate letter instructs the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance to change the *Income Tax Act* so that "anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options" are ineligible for charitable status.

We are very concerned about this proposal for a number of reasons.

If an organization's charitable status can be put at risk simply because its views are different than those of the government, all charities are at risk. It means that every time the government adopts a new view or political priority, or any time a new government is elected, charitable status for specific groups will be in jeopardy.

No category of charity should be targeted for deregistration, singled out for more audits, or subject to additional monitoring based on whether or not its views align with those of the government.

To be clear, we agree that charities shouldn't be involved in dishonest practices. But dishonest conduct by charities is already addressed by the law in other ways.

We are also very concerned that this approach risks silencing any charity that objects to or supports changes in the law, positions they are allowed to take. Canadians hold a wide variety of views on all sorts of issues. That diversity is rightly reflected in the charitable sector. Expressing diverse views, especially on social and political issues, is fundamental to a democratic society. Charities are no exception.

Please do not implement the proposed changes. They would set a dangerous precedent and put all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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**Charron, Nathalie**

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**From:** Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** fin.dcu-ucm.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** FW: charitable tax status

-----Original Message-----

From: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:45 PM  
To: Deputy Prime Minister / Vice-première ministre <DPM-VPM@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>  
Subject: FW: charitable tax status

-----Original Message-----

From: Allan Embree <akembree@eastlink.ca>  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:14 PM  
To: Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>  
Cc: Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
Subject: charitable tax status

Diane and Chrystia,

I would like to voice my great concern over removing charitable tax status from pregnancy care centers. Who decides what false information is? I would encourage you to visit a pregnancy care center and speak with the people there. They are good people trying to do right and help people. This will only take away from people who need help and a place to seek refuge.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

March 21, 2022

Dear Minister Freeland

We appreciate you serving Canada and our communities as a Federal Minister. You have undertaken a critical and often difficult role. Thanks you.

Our leadership recently heard of the Prime Minister's Mandate Letter directing a change to the Income Tax Act concerning "ant-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women about their rights and options."

We are gravely concerned about this directive for several reasons. Importantly, we believe it is critical that an organization's charitable status not depend upon a particular political party's agenda. Setting this precedent puts all charities at risk as priorities and parties in power change.

Furthermore, thankfully, Canada is a country that values and respects a variety of views and opinions. This diversity is reflected both in public discourse and the breadth of the charitable sector. Surely a diversity of charitable expression should be encouraged not silenced according to a particular political position.

We are also concerned with the characterization of a pro-life charity as "dishonest." Obviously, it is important charities not be permitted to present themselves in a dishonest manner. It is our understand, however, that this concern is already addressed by existing laws.

We appeal to you to not implement these changes. Following this route places all charities at risk.

Sincerely,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 9:46 AM  
**To:** [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** 003207 - Fw: Crisis Pregnancy Centers  
**Attachments:** Crisis-Pregnancy-Centre-Who-We-Are-Summary.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Here is the PDF attachment which I originally didn't include which you'll find enclosed.

----- Original Message -----

**From:**  
**To:** [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca)  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 02, 2022 5:18 PM  
**Subject:** Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Hello Chrystia,

I am sending you this email today to petition for the rights of the unborn as well as the many women who have gone through trauma over having lost a child due to miscarriage, etc. Specifically, I am referring to the Crisis Pregnancy Centers which the federal government wants to remove their charitable status. This is totally wrong. To be totally clear, I'm not trying to say that you have to take side per se concerning pro choice as opposed to pro life. However, if a young woman decides to either keep a baby, give it up for adoption, or simply needs professional counseling after the loss of an unborn child due to either miscarriage or abortion, she should be able to go to a place where she can have that resource made possible by having it stay in existence due to keeping its charitable status. The Trudeau government wants to strip them of this status which unfortunately doesn't make any sense at all. Here we are in a country which happens to have a declining birth rate which would rather do that then pour millions of dollars into supporting immigrants in order to keep our working population strong. Why can't we have both? Please petition on behalf of these centers so that they don't end up losing their charitable status. I am also including an enclosed PDF of who the Crisis Pregnancy Center is and all of what they do.

Sincerely,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:52 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002794 - Crisis Pregnancy Centres Charitable Status

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Deputy Prime Minister:

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter and thanks for all you do to make Winnipeg, Manitoba a better place to live and for the freedoms we have.

I am writing this letter in regards to an important matter regarding the Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada. They provide excellent support services such as a 24 hr crisis & grief counselling line, non-judgemental free confidential services, support such as baby needs, furniture etc.

I have heard that the government is possibly going to revoke their charity status of being a non profit organization.

I am asking you to do whatever you can to keep them a non profit organization so that they can continue to provide support, counselling- emergency and grief etc to the women, girls and those in need of their services which make a big difference to our community.

There is false information out there saying that they provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of pregnancy. These are based on lies and not to be believed just to revoke the status. (See attached from the Prime Minister)

Please stand up for the Crisis Pregnancy Centre and support their charity status that our communities so desperately need. I was once in need of these services a long time back and can confirm that they provide honest, and great services to those who reach out to them.

Thank you for your time,

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**Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 3:04 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002782 - Crisis Pregnancy Center

Good Afternoon,  
I wish to express my concern for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Winnipeg.  
To remove them of their charitable status is to remove their service to our community.  
That center has helped so many women in so many ways.  
This change to take that way would be a negative one!  
The counseling services , practical supplies they provide to women is essential.  
Please please speak out our behalf and help save the Crisis Pregnancy Center  
Thank you

**s.19(1)**

## **Hamel, Carole**

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 1:16 PM  
**To:** MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN)  
**Subject:** Re: 002613 - Crisis Pregnancy

Although I appreciate getting an email from you, I am not sure why the content of your message is about the pandemic? The substance of my email was about the very good work done by Crisis Pregnancy and the possibility of your government cancelling their charitable status. Please reconsider your position as many women will be harmed if you proceed.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 21, 2022, at 1:01 PM, MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN) <minfinance-financemin@fin.gc.ca> wrote:  
>  
> Dear  
>  
> Thank you for your correspondence of March 17, 2022 and for providing your ideas and suggestions.  
>  
> The pandemic has been a challenging time but Canada is succeeding because we are doing what Canadians do in a crisis - we are helping each other, we are working together and we are doing what needs to be done.  
>  
> We know there will still be obstacles ahead but Canadians are resilient.  
>  
> Your thoughts and suggestions will help our Government move Canada forward for everyone.  
>  
> Thank you again for writing.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
>  
> The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.  
> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From:  
> Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:51 PM  
> To: chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
> Subject: 002613 - Crisis Pregnancy  
>  
> Dear Ms. Freeland:  
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> I was shocked to hear that your government is set to cancel the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy on the charge of dishonest counselling. My familiarity with this organization over many years is that they are the furthest thing from

dishonest. They are kind and honest people who support women who decide not to abort. They do not manipulate or pressure but simply provide a supportive alternative that is both practical and kind.

> There will be great harm done to many distressed women should this charitable status be revoked.

> Please reconsider your position.

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> Thank You,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 7:31 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002700 - Don't revoke charity status please

Hi

I recently became informed of chance that charity status of anti-abortion support organizations could be revoked. I believe they are doing good work like the crisis clinic, other groups and churches must remain as charitable organizations.

They provide great benefits to society and morality, to prevent killing of innocent is not "dishonest council".

Please do the right thing and support those helping the needy. I ask you to not see this be changed and thank you for your services.

Sincerely

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**From:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** fin.minfinance-financemin.fin@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002724 - FW: changes to income tax act

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** Freeland, Chrystia - M.P. <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>; Lebouthillier, Diane - Députée <Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca>; Falk, Ted - M.P. <Ted.Falk@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** changes to income tax act

Dear Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and fellow servants of Canada!

Seriously, these last two years have been quite the leadership challenge for anyone but the government of a vast nation has had to have been close to the top of the list. Thanks to each of you for sticking with it and helping things to get sorted out during these years and for whatever is yet to come.

In regards to the future, I was alarmed to hear about the Amendment to the Income Tax Act that lumps all anti-abortion organizations into the same group that you are calling 'dishonest'. And you seek to strip them of their charitable status. I don't know about all of those anti-abortion organizations but I do know that The Crisis Pregnancy Centers across our nation are not dishonest but honourable and kind to every person who seeks their help. To strip them of the ability to do their work is unconscionable not only to those who work there with dignity and honesty but also to each woman and young girl who is looking for help in any form. Would you take the time to find one of these centers and see what they are about? Or check their website to see what they offer?

I've heard others proclaim the laziness of our government in only doing what is simple and quick in regards to some of the decisions that must be made. Please do not let this be one in which you 'paint all the organizations with the same brush' and we lose the services of those who can offer the best to the women of our country and one of the places where they can go to find honest, non judgemental help..

Thank you for taking the time to read this. And to think about it!

Sincerely,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 3:21 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002645 - Revocation of Crisis Pregnancy Centres in Canada

Dear Honourable Chrystia Freeland,

I'm deeply saddened by our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's intent to revoke the charity status of the Pregnancy Crisis Centres in Canada. These centres provide so much support to the vulnerable community, like practical and much-needed emotional help to thousands of expectant women, and new mothers in the form of **accurate, evidence-based counselling** which includes information on all options; post-abortion care; nutrition and prenatal classes; and necessities such as cribs, strollers, baby clothing and supplies such as formula and diapers, immigrant supports and infant loss services.

These exemplary organizations across Canada are committed to ensuring that each woman is empowered and treated with dignity, compassion and respect, **regardless of her decisions**.

A large portion of their client base are "at risk". These are from a low-income bracket, of Indigenous background, single mothers, and/or immigrants.

It is my hope that the Liberal Government will rethink their direction and not revoke the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres across Canada, and therefore remove the supports from our vulnerable population.

Thank you for your service and time,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002605 - Vulnerable women need you to fight for them

Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister of Canada

Minister Freeland,

First, I wish to thank you for choosing public service, and for representing our country in very challenging times. As a woman, I am encouraged by and rooting for you! I know the slings and arrows of public life can be disheartening, and I fear it keeps many good people away from running for office.

I can honestly say, while I take my responsibility to vote very seriously and have never missed an opportunity to stay informed and cast my ballot on election day, I cannot recall a time when I have actually written to my MP or to someone in your position. Today, I must, as I am gravely concerned about a decision the federal government is considering that I fear will be most damaging to vulnerable women.

As a woman, I am deeply distressed to hear of the government's plans to remove vital counselling and care services from women in crisis by revoking the charitable status from Crisis Pregnancy Centres across our country. I can only assume that this decision is based on the advice of some ill-informed men who think they know what happens at these centres, and not by thoughtful women who understand the need for judgement-free love and support when a woman is faced with an unplanned pregnancy. If our government truly wishes to be "pro-choice", then, in a free and democratic society, it must allow for organizations who may have a different perspective on the sanctity of all life, and appreciate that they provide an essential service for women who wish to know ALL their choices, before making a life-altering decision for themselves and their unborn babies. To deny women access to this care, is to deny them choice. Leaving women experiencing a crisis pregnancy only ONE choice, is not pro-choice.

In the Prime Minister's Mandate Letter of December 16<sup>th</sup>, it is implied that Crisis Pregnancy Centres offer "dishonest counselling to women". Again, I can only assume this misinformation comes from men who have never spoken to a woman who has availed herself of these vital services, or to any staff member, or to any volunteer of a Crisis Pregnancy Centre. As someone who has volunteered with a CPC several years ago, and who knows people who have committed their lives to serving there as staff, I can assure you, without a hint of reservation, that this is not the case. Women choose to come to a Crisis Pregnancy Centre of their own free will in search of assistance, alternatives, and hope. They find all this and so much more. These women find love, acceptance, and care....no matter what they decide with respect to their pregnancies. If you have been told anything different, it is simply not true.

As a woman, I implore you to not let this removal of charitable status for Crisis Pregnancy Centres happen in Canada. I realize you have many huge responsibilities at this moment, but thousands of women in this country are counting on you to represent and care for us by ensuring we all have access to these vital services when we need them. **Please, fight for our choice.**

Thank you again for all you do and continue to do for our country.

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**From:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:49 PM  
**Sent:**  
**To:** candice.bergen@parl.gc.ca  
**Cc:** Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca  
**Subject:** 002612 - Caritable Status

Dear Government Officials

It is my understanding that a motion has been put forward to remove the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centres.

I implore you not to do this.

I have sent many who have confided in me about their own pregnancy crisis to this wonderful and compassionate organization. .They are truly there with compassionate confidential counselling.

Again please do not remove this vital service from our communities

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**From:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:43 PM  
**Sent:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**To:** 002607- Crisis Pregnancy Centres  
**Subject:**

Good evening Deputy Prime Minister,

Thank you for your service to all Canadians. I am writing you in regards to the Crisis Pregnancy Centres possibly losing their charitable status. I am truly hoping this does not happen.

In a statement from December 16, 2021, it was said that the crisis pregnancy centre are giving dishonest counseling?

Deputy Prime Minister, with all due respect, these are run to aid pregnant women. It is a Christian run centre.

This is a necessity to these women in need. They provide a lot for all babies and their families, born or not.

Please reconsider for the sake of the children and families affected. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 5:00 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@canada.ca  
**Subject:** 002619 - Crisis pregnancy centre

Good afternoon,

I have heard that the government of Canada is looking to remove the charitable status of Crisis Pregnancy Centre's. I would like say that I was not happy and appalled that our Canadian government would do such a thing to a organization such as this.

They are a very helpful, compassionate and understanding group of people who only want to help those in the community that need help or are looking for options.

They help mothers who have suffered the loss of a miscarriage, they provide supplies to mothers in need, those who have had a abortion, those who got pregnant and don't know what to do now.

Many of the people who work there have been in these situations themselves and they understand the people that come to them even if just to talk and sort things out.

I would ask that you reconsider revoking their charitable status, they do a lot of good and are a good charity that is needed in communities.

Thanks for your time

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**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:19 AM  
**To:** MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN)  
**Cc:** Gregoire, Brittany  
**Subject:** 002426 - FW: Comment Letter on Issue related to Charities [MTDMS-Legal.FID104308]  
**Attachments:** 60873310\_1\_Letter to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance - March 14, 2022.PDF

Good morning Minister Freeland,

Please see the forwarded message below and letter attached. We are resending to you as it seems the email we had addressed to is outdated.

Best regards,

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

**From:**

**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca; marci.ien@parl.gc.ca  
**Cc:** mary-rose.brown@fin.gc.ca; 'Scott, Andre' <Andre.Scott@fin.gc.ca>; Langdon, Blaine <Blaine.Langdon@fin.gc.ca>; Miles.Hopper@fin.gc.ca; Douglas.Wong@fin.gc.ca  
**Subject:** Comment Letter on Issue related to Charities [MTDMS-Legal.FID11242643]

Good afternoon Minister Freeland and Minister Ien,

I am forwarding to you with this email my letter that comments on the question of whether the *Income Tax Act* should be amended to address dishonest behaviour of anti-abortion organizations or charities generally. My experience and work with the charitable sector has provided me with a perspective on this issue that I wanted to share with you and those considering the issue.

If it would be helpful to respond to questions, I would be pleased to do so.

And thank-you for your leadership every day on all that impacts our world. You and your Government are having an impressive impact on the issues that face civil society. I for one am a proud Canadian today.

Best regards,

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:33 AM  
**To:** MinFinance / FinanceMin (FIN)  
**Subject:** 510561 - (xref 509004) - Follow-up re: communication regarding Liberal Party policy platform to revoke Crisis Pregnancy Centre charity status  
**Attachments:** Liberal Party of Canada - November 16, 2021.pdf

To the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister,

This email is a kind reminder of our letter, dated November 16, 2021, and my phone call to your office in late November.

We do appreciate the demands of your schedule. For your convenience, I have enclosed our original correspondence.

Thank you.

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Attachment

March 14, 2022

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Finance Canada  
90 Elgin Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0 G5

Dear Minister Freeland:

**Re: Proposed Changes regarding Dishonest Behavior of Registered Charities**

I am writing further to the Mandate Letter instructions to you dated December 16, 2021 which included the following ask:

Introduce amendments to the *Income Tax Act* to make anti-abortion organizations that provide dishonest counselling to pregnant women about their rights and options ineligible for charitable status, and to expand the Medical Expense Tax Credit to include costs reimbursed to surrogate mothers for IVF expenses. You will be supported in this work by the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth.

I also note recent comments made in the House about the first part of these instructions:

Registered charities are provided important supports under the tax system, including an exemption from income tax and the ability to issue official donation receipts for any gifts that they receive. All Canadians should have the information they need to freely make decisions over their own bodies and have access to the medical care and services that are their legal right. Registered charities that provide reproductive health services are required to provide ACCURATE, JUDGEMENT FREE and EVIDENCE-BASED information to women with respect to their rights and options at all stages of their pregnancy. In this regard, the Government has committed to introducing amendments to the Income Tax Act to ensure that organizations that provide dishonest counseling to pregnant women are ineligible for charitable registration.”

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Notwithstanding that belief, I am writing to you today because I am very concerned about the direction your government is proposing to take on this issue. There is no need for a change to the *Income Tax Act*. The common law of charity and the regulations under the *Income Tax Act* currently require a registered charity to be honest in how it provides its services to the public. CRA Guidance affirm that fact when they state that in providing its services or information to the public, a charity must be reasonably unbiased and factual<sup>1</sup>. And behavior which is objectively harmful to charitable beneficiaries would clearly be offside the public benefit requirement that all charities must meet. To quote the CRA Policy Statement CPS-024 “Guidelines for registering a charity: Meeting the Public Benefit Test”:

“The “benefit” aspect of the test concerns whether the charitable purpose under consideration is directed towards achieving a universal good that is not harmful to the public—a socially useful endeavor”

Your Government introduced changes to the political activity provisions in the *Income Tax Act* after a perceived attack on environmental charities using those provisions by the previous government. Any government targeting any type of charity for their beliefs is something we should want to avoid in Canada. Introducing an amendment such as the one proposed could result in your government being subject to the same accusation about using the regulatory system of charities to advance their political platform and satisfy their party base. And while I abhor any type of charity that is dishonest or that furthers its charitable purpose in a dishonest or misleading fashion, I am firmly of the view that the appropriate mechanism to stop that behavior currently exists and is available to the CRA.

The fight we have today in the world is to preserve a society that is willing to accept different beliefs provided all participants respect and can co-exist together. I believe that making any legislative change that targets a particular class or type of charity will weaken our regulatory system and is a mistake. It reaffirms the precedent of behavior that arose at the time of the political activity audits. Do we really want a tax system that is used by parties of different political beliefs to advance their views? The system should be agnostic and those operating within it should be held to the requirement of honest furtherance of the charitable purposes pursued without harm to their charitable beneficiaries and the general public. That is the law today and it can be and has been applied to ensure that is the case.

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<sup>1</sup> CRA Guidance CG-021 “Promotion of health and charitable registration”, paragraph 64

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I would be pleased to discuss any questions you have on these comments.

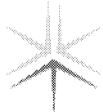
Yours truly,

- c. The Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth  
Mary-Rose Brown (Finance)  
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