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Subject: Bill C-9, the Combating Hate Act

Dear _____,

I am reaching out to you as a constituent and as a member of WDI Canada, the Canadian branch of Women's Declaration International. WDI Canada is committed to restoring the sex-based rights of women and girls in Canada. To do so, we must be allowed to speak plainly about the erosion of protections for women and girls in recent years without the threat of legal consequences.

I wish to express my concern regarding Bill C-9, the Combating Hate Act, which passed its first reading before Parliament on September 19, 2025. While I fully support efforts to protect marginalized groups from harm, I am alarmed by the broad and ambiguous nature of the proposed legislation, which poses a serious risk to freedom of expression, including the right to engage in legitimate political and social discourse.

Specifically, I am concerned that Bill C-9 could be used to silence or criminalize discussions around sex-based rights and women's advocacy. Increasingly, women who raise concerns about gender identity legislation and its impact on areas such as single-sex spaces, sports, shelters, and language in law are being unjustly labeled as hateful and/or discriminatory. These are vital public policy issues that deserve rigorous, respectful debate, not censorship or legal reprisal.

The inclusion of provisions that expand the Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code to penalize so-called "hate speech", without clearly defining what constitutes "hate", risks entrenching subjective interpretations that could be weaponized against peaceful, law-abiding Canadians. This includes women who advocate for their sex-based rights as recognized under international human rights law.

Canada has a proud tradition of defending free expression. In a democracy, the remedy for disagreeable or controversial speech must be more speech, not less. We must resist any attempt, however well-intentioned, that opens the door to ideological enforcement by law.

I urge you to oppose Bill C-9 and to stand up for the protection of women's sex-based rights in Canada. I would appreciate knowing your position on this bill and how you plan to represent the concerns of constituents who share my concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Full Name

Signature