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The Honourable Salma Ataullahjan, Senator
Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights
The Senate
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4

Dear Senator Ataullahjan:

I would like to restate my thanks to the Committee for undertaking this robust study of Federal corrections. The focus on pursuing equal rights and improving services and supports available to Federally-sentenced persons, with consideration for the differential needs of marginalized groups, is much appreciated. The valuable information gathered as part of this study, as well as the recommendations included in the Report, will be duly considered in the analysis of future policy, program, and legislative initiatives.

I remain satisfied with the Government's Response, which acknowledges the value of the study's findings, and addresses the recommendations thematically in order to concentrate on the key areas of concern highlighted in the Committee's Report, and identifies key areas where work is underway to address concerns raised. I am pleased with the impactful horizontal initiatives undertaken and progress made in recent years, many of which are highlighted in the Government Response.

The Government remains committed to pursuing tangible enhancements to Federal corrections and to continuing to promote a robust human rights culture within our institutions. To this end, our Government will continue to work to ensure Canada's Federal corrections system protects public safety, supports the rehabilitation of offenders, addresses systemic inequities, and supports survivors and victims of crimes.

Thank you again for taking the time to pursue this valuable study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. LeBlanc', written in a cursive style.

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- c.c. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Wanda Thomas Bernard, Deputy Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights
- The Honourable Pierre J. Dalphond, Leader of the Progressive Senate Group
- The Honourable Marc Gold, P.C., Government Representative in the Senate
- The Honourable Donald Neil Plett, Leader of the Opposition
- The Honourable Raymonde Saint-Germain, Facilitator of the Independent Senators Group
- The Honourable Scott Tannas, Leader of the Canadian Senators Group
- The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Arif Virani, P.C., M.P., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, P.C., M.P., Leader of the Government in the House of Commons