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Thank you for writing. Our party is deeply committed to supporting women in Prince Edward Island and across Canada through a comprehensive and compassionate approach.

We believe that empowering women strengthens our economy, our communities, and our entire country. We will continue to ensure that policies are gender-responsive and that no woman is left behind. The recently released 2025 Liberal Party platform, [Canada Strong](#), summarizes our commitment to all Canadians. We have highlighted the platform commitments in response to your specific questions below:

### **1. Langue et équité dans les services**

Quels engagements concrets vous et votre parti proposez pour un accès plus équitable à des services publics fédéraux en français à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard? Appuierez-vous une augmentation du financement fédéral pour les services en français offert dans les communautés de langues officielles en situation minoritaire, comme à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard?

Our Liberal Party is committed to supporting the economic participation of women through real, targeted action. Recognizing the disproportionate caregiving burden women carry, we are advancing the **National Caregiving Strategy** to ensure caregivers receive emotional, financial, and practical support.

We're also strengthening economic security for women by maintaining the **Canada Child Benefit**, protecting and expanding **\$10-a-day childcare**. The plan includes creating 100,000 new childcare spaces by 2031 and linking childcare infrastructure to housing development to make services more accessible.

As well as permanently implementing the **National School Food Program**—easing the financial and logistical pressures on working families and supporting parents—especially mothers—seeking to re-enter or stay in the workforce.

To support women's economic participation and leadership, we're growing the **Women's Economic and Leadership Opportunities Fund** and creating new financial supports such as the **Apprenticeship Grant** for tradeswomen, and incentives through the **Apprenticeship Service Program** to help women break into high-paying skilled trades. We're also launching a new Apprenticeship Grant of up to \$8,000 and boosting incentives for employers through the Apprenticeship Service Program, with specific support for women in the skilled trades. Ensuring Francophone and Acadian women can access training and business support in both official languages.

### **2. Soins de santé féminine**

La prestation de soins de santé est une responsabilité provinciale. Toutefois, le gouvernement fédéral fourni le financement nécessaire pour que les provinces – comme

Île-du-Prince-Édouard – offrent ces services. Quels engagements concrets vous et votre parti proposez pour améliorer l'accès aux soins de santé adapté aux femmes, y compris en matière de santé reproductive, sexuelle et mentale?

While health care delivery is a provincial responsibility, the federal government plays a crucial role in ensuring equitable access to health services across Canada.

A central commitment of our Liberal platform is the **permanent establishment of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund**, which will guarantee ongoing federal support for abortion care and reproductive health services. This initiative is particularly vital in ensuring that all women—regardless of where they live—have access to the full range of reproductive health options.

We will also invest in women's health research, including vital areas such as **postpartum care, menopause, endometriosis, and maternal health**, which have long been underfunded and overlooked.

To ensure that expanded care is both available and accessible, the platform includes major investments in health infrastructure and workforce development. A planned \$4 billion investment in hospitals and clinics will support construction and renovation projects nationwide, while thousands of new doctors will be added to the system. We will work closely with provinces to streamline credential recognition for internationally trained professionals and provide incentives to practice in areas facing provider shortages.

We will create a permanent Youth Mental Health Fund, providing access to community-based services for 100,000 young people annually. To tackle the ongoing overdose crisis and expand mental health support more broadly, an additional \$500 million will be invested in the Emergency Treatment Fund. Our government will continue funding the 9-8-8 suicide crisis line, which has already provided crucial support to hundreds of thousands of Canadians in its first year.

These initiatives reflect a comprehensive approach to women's health that recognizes both medical access and broader social determinants of health like caregiving, mental health, and reproductive autonomy. Along with working with Provinces to deliver, our government will have a robust and intersectional approach to women's health—grounded in access, equity, and long-term system improvements.

### 3. Langue et équité dans les services

Quels engagements concrets vous et votre parti proposez pour un accès plus équitable à des services publics fédéraux en français à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard? Appuiez-vous une augmentation du financement fédéral pour les services en français offert dans les communautés de langues officielles en situation minoritaire, comme à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard?

Our Liberal government will make several tangible commitments to improve equitable access to federal public services in French in Prince Edward Island and support official language minority communities:

- We will continue to invest in community spaces for French-speaking minorities across the country, ensuring that Francophone communities, including those in PEI, have access to culturally relevant public services and spaces.
- We will collaborate with provinces and territories to invest in French-language early learning, childcare, and post-secondary education in minority settings. This includes a new scholarship for Francophone students who pursue post-secondary studies in French in a minority-language context.
- Our government will support entrepreneurs in official language minority communities, with a focus on facilitating access to Francophone and bilingual workers—a crucial factor for service provision in French and for the economic growth of these communities.
- A key commitment to grow and sustain Francophone communities across Canada is to establish a 12% Francophone immigration target outside of Quebec by 2029—a 20% increase from current levels.

These actions show a clear and sustained federal commitment to protecting and enhancing access to services in French, while ensuring the vitality of Acadian and Francophone communities through increased federal support and strategic investments.

#### 4. Lutte contre les inégalités systémiques

Quels engagements concrets vous et votre parti proposez pour favoriser l'équité, l'inclusion et la lutte contre la discrimination envers les femmes, envers les personnes racisées, les autochtones et les personnes qui s'identifient à la communauté 2ELGBTQI+?

Our platform includes tangible and meaningful commitments to promote equity, inclusion, and combat discrimination that are grounded in justice, equity, and reconciliation.

##### Equity and Anti-Discrimination Commitments

- The 2SLGBTQI+ Community Capacity Fund will receive permanent funding to support community organizations that protect rights and promote inclusion across Canada.
- We will implement Canada's Action Plan on Combatting Hate, including increasing funding for the Canada Community Security Program and protecting 2SLGBTQI+ individuals at public events like Pride festivals.
- To help more Canadians affirm their rights and legally challenge unfair treatment and inequitable laws, the Court Challenges Program will be expanded, ensuring that individuals facing systemic discrimination can seek justice.
- All Liberal platform policies will be implemented with a full Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) lens to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of program benefits, especially for underrepresented communities.

##### Women's Rights and Gender Equity

- The Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund will be made permanent, securing access to abortion and reproductive care, particularly in underserved communities.
- Continued investments in the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence will focus on preventing violence and supporting Indigenous-led responses.
- The Women's Economic and Leadership Opportunities Fund will be expanded to unlock new economic opportunities for women and dismantle systemic barriers in the workplace.

#### Indigenous People's

- We will fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Act, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice.
- Support Indigenous-led governance in areas such as education, health, child and family services, and public safety, through a distinctions-based approach.
- Establish an Indigenous Pathways to Prosperity Fund that will support partnerships with Indigenous communities to expand access to skills training and education, helping to develop Indigenous professionals such as doctors and teachers.

These policies reflect a deep commitment to building a Canada where everyone, can fully participate in society and be protected from discrimination.

### 5. Appui aux organismes communautaires féminins

Les organismes communautaires comme Actions Femmes jouent un rôle clé dans la défense des droits et d'appuis aux femmes. Quels engagements concrets vous et votre parti proposez pour appuyer le financement stable et à long terme de ces organismes, particulièrement ceux qui œuvrent dans les communautés de langues officielles en situation minoritaire, comme à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard?

A Mark Carney-led Liberal government is making the following tangible commitments to support stable, long-term funding for community organizations—especially those advancing women's rights and serving official language minority communities:

- Permanent Investment in the 2SLGBTQI+ Community Capacity Fund, which supports community organizations and networks that protect rights and advance equality, including gender equity and support for marginalized women.
- Expansion of the Women's Economic and Leadership Opportunities Fund to promote women's economic security, prosperity, and participation in leadership roles. It supports projects led by or benefiting women, especially those from underrepresented groups.
- Our government will continue to invest in this plan to fund organizations working directly with survivors and communities, including Indigenous-led approaches, rural women's groups, and frontline service providers.

#### Support for Official Language Minority Communities

- We will continue investing in community spaces for French-speaking minorities across the country, enabling organizations to deliver services and cultural programming that strengthen Francophone identity and access to public services.
- Our government will collaborate with provinces and territories to invest in educational and community spaces, such as early learning and child care that serve official language minority communities. These investments often flow through community-based organizations that offer culturally and linguistically relevant services.

These commitments reflect a long-term, systemic approach to ensuring that women's organizations and official language minority community organizations have the resources and institutional support they need to thrive and continue their essential work.