WEST KOOTENAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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National Action Committee on the Status of Women 203 - 234 Eglinton Avenue East Toronto, Ontario

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Dear Coordinator:

The West Kootnenay Women's Association and the Nelson & District Women's Centre are not in support of your decision to exclude Dr. Joan Russow, the Green Party candidate from the leaders debate organized by NAC for May 26 in Toronto.

We urge you to reconsider your decision on the basis that the Green Party has had a National presence since 1985. In addition, it is noteworthy that the Green Party currently has 50% candidate gender equity, unlike the other four major parties. We think that it is critical that political, feminist voices of women are heard and opportunities be provided for this by our national organization representing women's issues and concerns.

Yours truly

Moe Lyons Coordinator, Nelson & District Women's Centre

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