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Honourable Hedy Fry  
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Dear Ms. Fry:

As a member organization of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, we are appalled that your department has not yet released funds to ensure its continued survival.

NAC, as you know, represents a broad spectrum of women's groups and individuals from all over the country. Its work is invaluable in supporting the many and varied causes of women. It is highly respected worldwide and is a source of great pride to Canadians everywhere. The organization deserves your respect and continued wholehearted support.

Of course you won't always love everything NAC has to say, but if you did, it would not be doing its work. Its job is to advance the concerns of women and to take principled stands wherever it sees the need to do so. It does that job, and does it well, and your work would be harder were it not for its continued presence.

You have always had a personal reputation as a strong-minded woman who is very effective at what she sets out to do. Obviously, the women of NAC are your sisters, and we know you will do the right thing and make sure this organization continues to be able to do the important work it has done for so long, and that will be needed for all the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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