



November 12, 2021

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Lebouthillier,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), I would like to extend our sincere congratulations on your re-election and re-appointment as Minister of National Revenue.

As background for you, since 1926, CASW has been the national association voice for social work in Canada with the dual mission of strengthening the profession and advancing issues of social justice.

This letter of welcome has particular significance to the social work community. As a former social worker, your re-appointment to cabinet not only inspires pride in our profession, but will greatly contribute to your government's renewed and ongoing responsibility to the social determinants of health and to creating a better future for underserved people and communities.

As you are aware, March is designated as National Social Work Month in Canada – a time for social workers to gather to celebrate the profession and focus our advocacy efforts in support of real social change. In this regard, please accept this letter as a request to meet, preferably in March, however at your convenience, to further discuss our shared priorities in building a healthier and more equitable Canada.

CASW looks forward to supporting you in your important role, as well as ongoing collaboration with the federal government for a bold, novel and just Canada. Again, on behalf of the CASW federation, I extend our heartfelt congratulations on your re-election.

Sincerely,

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