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The Honourable Rebecca Alty, MP
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Alty:

On behalf of the members of the Canadian Council of Parliamentary Ombudsman (CCPO), I am reiterating our support and desire for swift action on the implementation of recommendations made in the [Call for Justice 1.7 Final Report](#), as outlined in our letter of June 2025. The report regards the creation of national and regional Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudspersons, per the Call for Justice 1.7 of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (NIMMIWG).

The Call for Justice 1.7 recognizes the importance of ombudsman institutions and the oversight role we play to ensure all citizens' rights are respected and they are treated fairly by governments and government organizations. This role is also regarded by the United Nations General Assembly as fundamental to furthering democratic rights by addressing the imbalance of power between individuals and the providers of public services. Currently, Indigenous people's issues about federal services are often brought to provincial and territorial ombuds offices where we have no jurisdiction or authority to address the matter. Consequently, Indigenous people in Canada have limited avenues to help them resolve those concerns.

In our June 2025 letter to you, and in our July 2019 and July 2024 letters to your predecessor, we expressed a willingness to share our expertise and urged action for the implementation of an independent national indigenous oversight body that would deal with Indigenous people's concerns relating to all federal services areas. In our view, the approach outlined in the report to establish a National Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsperson was principled and practical in being able to respond to the concerns of Indigenous people. It also has enormous potential to create collaboration between our offices and a federal counterpart to assist Indigenous people.

We recognize that responding to the issues identified in the NIMMIWG Calls to Action require time, resources and an inter-governmental approach. It has been two years since the report was released, and seven years since the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls released its Calls for Justice. There was no update provided on the status of implementation of Call for Justice 1.7 in the [2025-2026 Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report: Main Report](#). We would be interested in furthering our understanding of planned actions to support full implementation.

The CCPO is eager to see this impactful initiative in place and the timely establishment of a National Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsperson. Our organization's collective expertise in independent oversight and our shared commitment to reconciliation remain available to you.

Sincerely,



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