

Premier Tim Houston
Office of the Premier

March 4, 2025

Dear Premier Houston,

I am writing to you today to implore you to take urgent action as police have reported another Nova Scotian woman has been killed in an act of intimate partner violence in Bridgewater. Since October, there have been eight confirmed deaths as a result of intimate partner violence in our province. This is an epidemic, and epidemic-level action is needed.

It's imperative that your government provides stable, core funding for organizations like the Transition House Association of Nova Scotia that provide life-saving services to Nova Scotians experiencing gender-based violence.

I urge you to review the legislation we have tabled and debated that would establish a funding formula to provide stable, core funding for organizations that work to prevent gender-based violence and support survivors. This would legislate a recommendation from the Mass Casualty Commission and ensure that the organizations that have been asking for support for years will finally know that they have long-term, predictable funding to provide the life-saving services that survivors rely on.

The budget before the Legislative Assembly lets down hundreds of thousands of women and gender-diverse people across the province. There is no new spending to address gender-based violence, and there is no increase in core funding to support the organizations that are doing the critical front-line work. Nova Scotians deserve better.

I'm calling on your government to support the sector with stable core funding to continue the vital work they do. Now is the time for action to address the epidemic of gender-based violence in our province and work toward a better future for women and gender-diverse Nova Scotians. We cannot wait for another life to be lost.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Chender".

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