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Dear Conservative Party Leader/ Green Party Leader/ Liberal Party Leader/ New Democratic Party Leader:

The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) was founded in 1992 to provide advocacy, support and information resources to persons harmed by serious crime. We are interested in how, if elected as the government of Canada, your party will address the issues of reducing crime, violence and victimization and better serving persons harmed by crime across the country. Please respond to the following questions:

1. Will your party refocus justice policy on effective violence reduction and victim assistance by establishing a national board with this mandate, and invest \$500 million a year (a fraction of the \$13.6 billion currently spent annually on police budgets alone in Canada) to work with the Provinces/Territories and cities to reduce interpersonal violence through proven prevention solutions?
2. Will you commit to investing an additional \$500 million to reduce violence against women and children, launch an annual national survey on *intimate partner and sexual violence* to measure the success of policies, and order a task force to report within one year on a Canadian strategy?
3. Will you invest an additional \$500 million to work with the Provinces/Territories to develop/implement national programs that meet international standards for assistance, reparation and rights for victims of crime and commit to annual *victimization* surveys to measure the gap between the needs and services for victims of crime?
4. How will your party work with the Provinces/Territories to effectively implement the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights? The CVBR outlines that provinces and territories can designate a public body to assist in the collection of restitution orders. How will you work with the Provinces/Territories to ensure that victims have assistance with enforcement and collection of restitution?
5. What will your party do to improve access to financial compensation for a larger number of victims of violent crime in Canada?
6. Does your party commit to recognizing the contribution and expertise of organizations whose mission is to improve individual and collective rights of victims? If yes, how?

We thank you for your attention to these important voter issues and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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