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The Catholic Women’s League of Canada

**PETITION:** Protecting the charitable status of organizations that do not agree with abortion and/or have “advancement of religion” as their charitable purpose.

To: Member of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 [name of MP]

We, the undersigned, urgently call for the rejection of all proposed legislative changes to the eligibility criteria for charitable status as recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance in its pre-budget consultations in advance of the 2025 Budget. Recommendations 429 and 430 would have severe and far-reaching consequences for faith-based and pro-life organizations that provide essential community services.

Whereas,

* Recommendation 429 singles out a specific subgroup within the charitable sector, appearing to penalize organizations based on moral stances that may differ from those of the incumbent government rather than legal stances; and
* Recommendation 429 would unjustly prejudice organizations that operate based on legitimate moral convictions and provide legitimate pregnancy health and social support services.
* Recommendation 430 imperils the Catholic charitable sector in Canada, which is integral to Canada’s social fabric, encompassing a wide range of community services and ministries, including food banks, soup kitchens, refugee resettlement programs, climate and social justice initiatives, daycares, schools, hospitals, long-term care homes and palliative care centres.
* A recent study estimated that replacing the services provided by faith congregations in Canada would cost $16.5 billion.
* For every dollar a congregation spends, the local community receives an average of $3.39 in economic benefit.

We respectfully ask all members of parliament not to support legislation as found in Recommendations 429 and 430 and to protect the charitable status of faith-based and pro-life organizations. In doing so, the government will help ensure that these vital institutions can continue to serve millions of Canadians, regardless of religious affiliation.

*Please sign this petition to support the preservation of charitable status for faith-based and pro-life organizations across Canada.*

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