



February 10, 2026

Dear Members of the Senate and House of Commons:

The Honourable Helen Conway Ottenheimer, Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Minister of Justice and Public Safety, on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, together with the Honourable John Hogan, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Jim Dinn, Leader of the Third Party, are pleased to provide this joint statement of support for Bill S-242 – ***An Act Respecting National Action for the Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence***.

Intimate partner violence is a leading, pervasive, and serious threat to individuals and communities across our province and our country. The number of victims - particularly women - is alarming and underscores the need for targeted and sustained action. The impacts of intimate partner violence are profound and far-reaching, affecting not only those who experience violence directly, but also their families, loved ones, and society at large.

Today, all three political parties in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador stand together in support of the Honourable Senator Fabian Manning and intimate partner violence survivor Georgina McGrath in their ongoing efforts to see Bill S-242 passed into law.

As legislators at various levels of government, we recognize the importance of collaboration. Regardless of political affiliation, we must work collectively to prevent intimate partner violence and strengthen our response to it. This is precisely what Bill S-242 seeks to achieve. The Bill calls for increased national engagement and collaboration, enhanced reporting and transparency, and a strengthened public awareness of intimate partner violence in Canada.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Honourable Senator Fabian Manning and Georgina McGrath for their unwavering dedication to this work. For nearly a decade, they have advocated for this legislation, demonstrating steadfast commitment to supporting victims and survivors. Their efforts have not gone

unnoticed and will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those experiencing violence in Newfoundland and Labrador and across the country.

You have our full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Conway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

HON. HELEN CONWAY OTTENHEIMER, JD
Minister of Women and Gender Equality
Minister of Justice and Public Safety

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Hogan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

HON. JOHN HOGAN, KC
Leader of the Official Opposition

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Dinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

JIM DINN
Leader of the Third Party