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**SUBMISSION FROM THE PEI ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN :
Department of Justice and Public Safety Public Consultations**

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The PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women supports the proposed broadening of PEI's recalculation program in line with national best practices, enabling recalculation in more circumstances.

In addition to the proposed revisions to the recalculation program, the issue of missed child support payments having detrimental impacts on children and families was most recently highlighted during focus group discussions for the 2026 Equality Report Card, and has continued to be an issue brought forward to the council by many over the years. This issue disproportionately impacts single mothers.

We wish to highlight the urgent need for changes to the maintenance enforcement program to allow government to backstop missed payments so that children are not disadvantaged when one parent is delinquent. Government would then be able to seek compensation for these payment amounts directly from the delinquent parent, and children would have guaranteed access to the financial stability needed to thrive. This policy proposal is aimed at addressing the inherent vulnerability of children when a non-custodial parent is delinquent in their financial obligations.

Providing a government backstop for missed child support payments would allow children and families to meet their needs every month, guaranteed, rather than not knowing whether payments are assured every time. The anxiety of not knowing whether payments will arrive, and the onus being on the receiving parent (most often women) to try to convince their former partner and the Child Support Program to go after the delinquent parent, is an unacceptable responsibility. We encourage the PEI government to be leaders in prioritizing children's well-being by ensuring that families do not suffer when one parent fails to meet their child support obligations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hsiao Yu, Kate, Liu".

Hsiao Yu Kate Liu , Chair of the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women

cc: Hon. Jenn Redmond, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
Michelle Harris-Genge, Director of the PEI Interministerial Women's Secretariat
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