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Community Leaders – Brampton-Caledon

Municipal, Provincial, Federal

Including significant positions as Premier, Prime Minister, Status of Women, etc.

Dear xxxxxxxx:

As you are aware, violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations and a global epidemic. Here in Peel, at the beginning of 2018, five women were murdered in domestic violence. Their names were: Elaine Believue, Avtar Kaur, Aliocia Lewandowski, Hoden Said and Baljit Thandi. These women were murdered by their intimate partners. The international statistics says that 38% of women report that they have experienced physical or sexual violence by the men in their lives.

Violence in Peel knows no cultural barriers; it takes place at home, in the workplace and in open spaces. Violence against women and girls threatens our Brampton community, inhibits their economic progress, and prevents women and girls from contributing and creating better lives for themselves and their families.

The Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon would like to make you aware UN program called the 16 days of activism (November 25 to December 10). Zonta International has subsequently established, in 2012, an international advocacy campaign called *Zonta Says No*.

This year, our Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon will be asking Political Leaders in our Brampton community to wear the enclosed Orange Ribbon which is a symbol for the UN's 16 Days of Activism. To demonstrate your support, it would be appreciated by our members if you would wear the ribbon for the 16 Days and have your picture taken wearing it. Please send your digital photo to us at the email address in the header. With your permission, your photo will be shared on our Instagram and Facebook page.

This is an important moment in history where the actions of our leaders can impact the future.

Empowering Women  
Margaret Geare  
President

*We believe in making the world a better place by working toward gender equity in a supportive community of like-minded people through service and advocacy.*

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