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Dear Friends & Neighbours,

This week, the Minister of Seniors, the Honourable Deb Schulte, **announced the launch of consultations with experts, stakeholders and Canadians on a definition of senior abuse.** The creation of a federal policy definition of senior abuse will support more consistent and informed awareness and prevention activities, data collection, as well as program and service delivery. [An online consultation portal is now open until the consultation concludes on July 22, 2021, and we encourage all interested organizations to participate.](#)

On June 22, the Government will hold two virtual national roundtables, hosted by Minister Schulte, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada David Lametti, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Seniors Stéphane Lauzon. Five virtual regional roundtables will be hosted by Parliamentary Secretary Lauzon, in collaboration with the National Seniors Council. The regional roundtables will ensure that diverse voices from across Canada are represented. After the consultations close, a “What we heard” report will be released and a draft definition will be circulated to partners for feedback before the definition is released.

The consultations build on recent federal investments to combat senior abuse. Justice Canada has provided more than \$800,000 through its Victims Fund to support public legal education information projects with nine organizations to produce materials that are specifically designed to reach seniors, and those responsible for their care, on the issue of senior abuse and neglect. Budget 2021 invested \$50 million for the Public Health Agency of Canada to design and deliver interventions that promote safe relationships and prevent family violence, including elder abuse. Senior abuse was also discussed at the recent virtual stakeholder symposium, [“The Future of Aging in Canada,”](#) hosted by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors Forum.

If you have any questions about the online consultation, please reach out to our office and we would be more than happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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