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Dear Drs. Akbari, Boivin and Jenkins:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), I am writing to express our strong support for increased attention to, and increased investments in, early childhood development, a critical social determinant of health. Neuroscience and a breadth of research studies have quite clearly shown that investments in children and families, and early childhood education (ECE) in the early years have an enormous return on investment. While this country suffers from a severe gap in terms of a coordinating body for children and families (as per the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child's recommendations for Canada), we would like to endorse this open letter re: preschool as an important component of a coordinated system for children and families.

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Yours sincerely,



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