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Dear Ministers,

Women's Wellness Within (WWW) is a registered non-profit organization in Nova Scotia that provides support, education and advocacy with criminalized women who are pregnant or parenting young children. WWW has become a leading voice for reproductive and prison justice in Nova Scotia.

WWW stands with Solidarity Across Borders and hunger striking prisoners being held in immigration detention in Laval, QC and is calling for the immediate release of all migrant prisoners in light of COVID-19 for the duration of the pandemic. WWW worked hard just last week with other organizations for the release of many prisoners who were being held in Nova Scotia's correctional facilities in an effort to reduce crowded conditions in our jails. Living conditions in detention do not allow for proper social distancing and other recommended public health measures that would ensure the safety of prisoners. Moreover, incarceration puts detainees at higher risk of infection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Payne".

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