

**Submission to the Government of Canada**

**Commendation for Commitment to  
Human Rights and the Rights of Women**

**Submitted by the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women**

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW Canada) respectfully submits the enclosed Commendation. As a non-partisan organization, we have worked for over 88 years to urge governments to continue the inclusion of equal rights for women in legislation. It is through this process of voicing the issues and engaging in open dialogue with your government that we can together build a strong and thriving Canada.

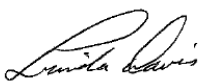
This commendation was brought forward by our members and after discussion and debate was accepted at the Bi-Annual Convention held in Ottawa in August 2018, we are pleased to submit the following.

**BPW Canada commends  
the Government of Canada  
on its principle to always speak up for human rights and women's  
rights and the manifestation of this policy in its recent communication  
about the actions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.**

Saudi Arabia has a history of silencing vocal human rights activists. Restrictions set by the Saudi Arabian government have included arbitrary detention of its citizens, restrictions on the rights of women and travel bans on activists. These tactics of intimidation and harassment are in violation of international human, civil and political rights.

We are pleased to support the Canadian Government's efforts in this issue and are willing to assist as appropriate.

Yours truly,



Linda Davis  
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