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Dear Ms. Cote,

Thank you for sharing your Brief from your 44<sup>th</sup> annual convention. I am glad to understand BPW's important work and the serious concerns of your members.

The NDP is committed to women's equality. That's why we've advocated for everything from pay equity, to improved access to EI benefits to our practical proposal for a national childcare plan. <http://www.ndp.ca/childcare>

The NDP has a women's caucus that ensures that every piece of legislation is examined for its impact on women. The women's caucus makes sure that the voices and opinions of our female MPs are heard in caucus and that their perspective is taken into account in all of our policy decision making. You can learn more about the NDP Women's Caucus here: <http://www.ndp.ca/news/mylene-freeman-re-elected-chair-ndp-womens-caucus>. You can find the priorities they are working on here: <http://nikiashton.ndp.ca/women-s-rights>. Additionally, we're doing everything we can to eliminate obstacles to women's political participation and we continue to consult with women's groups in public policy development.

What's more, our annual NDP Women's Forum brings together female NDP MPs and staff with professional women guests, offering a space for women in our organization to learn from each other and share ideas. You can read more about our most recent forum here: <http://nikiashton.ndp.ca/women-s-forum-des-femmes-2014-program>.

Rest assured that the NDP will continue to put the priorities of working and middle-class women first by pushing for policies that make Canada a world leader for women's equality. These policies also address the needs and ensure the safety of marginalized women, LGBT women, and all women.

Thank you again for sharing your work with me.

Best regards,

Hon. Tom Mulcair, P.C., M.P. (Outremont)  
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