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H.E. Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

We write to you from a gathering of sex trade survivors and feminist advocates from around the world. You have spoken out as a feminist leader, and we therefore urge you to protect and enforce the progressive legislation Canada has adopted to end the commercial sexual exploitation of women in Canada, Bill C-36, the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act. This bill recognizes the violence inherent in prostitution and stands for the dignity and equality of all human beings, by decriminalizing those exploited and holding those who exploit them accountable under the law.

You have publicly stated that you deem prostitution as violence against women and that the Canadian government must ensure protection of vulnerable Canadians from violence that surrounds prostitution. The best way to prevent sex trafficking and the exploitation of prostitution is by targeting sex buyers or the demand for prostitution, which fuels the multi-million dollar sex trade and its engine, sex trafficking.

The Canadian legislation is a model for the world to end such violence and dehumanization for the untold profits of exploiters. We are working for the adoption of such laws in other countries.

As a man who identifies as a feminist, you should stand with us against all those who prey on the vulnerable and profit from commercial sexual exploitation, and purchase other human beings for sexual acts. Today, we ask you to uphold Bill C-36 and invest in implementing the law to its fullest extent. We are counting on your support.

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