



August 5, 2026

Dear John,

Re: The National Centre for Police Excellence

Sagesse Domestic Violence Prevention Society is pleased to offer its support for the establishment of the National Centre for Police Excellence (NCPE).

Sagesse has worked in domestic violence prevention across Alberta and Saskatchewan for nearly 40 years. Our work centres on coercive control, and how it shows in domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and other forms of exploitation and harm. We know from that work how much an officer's understanding of coercive control matters to a survivor's outcome, whether the pattern behind an incident gets recognized, and whether that survivor ends up connected to the right support.

A national centre that advances policing as a modern, trusted profession grounded in education, ethics, and evidence could contribute to Canada's ability to address domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and coercive control.

Sincerely,

Andrea Silverstone,
CEO