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The Honourable Senator Marilou McPhedran, CM  
Senate of Canada  
Ottawa, ON K1N 0A4

Dear Senator McPhedran,

In our joint capacity as the current President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC), and the Chair of the FMWC WPS committee, we wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the challenges you have faced in Senate over the last months. We wanted you to know we see you. We are grateful for your example of resilience and commitment to stick with your own value-based leadership.

We see the trailblazing work you are doing, especially in support of women and human rights. We appreciate your long-standing mentoring role and relationship for many women leaders, young and old.

Your guidance over the past years to women physicians has had a great impact on many of us personally and organizationally. The FMWC recognize that your support was pivotal in our ability to start up a successful Women, Peace, and Security Committee. Through your ongoing work to educate our group we have felt empowered to better support UNSCR 1325 and spread the role that medical woman can play in other countries through FMWC's association with the Medical Women International Association (MWIA). We know Canadian medical women can, and do, play an important role in upholding and advocating for women and girl's the prevention of violence, the management of conflict, the protection of health and reproductive human rights, and ensuring appropriate relief and recovery in conflict and post-conflict situations.

As the senate soon returns for the continuation of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament we look forward to continuing our women, peace, and security work with you internationally but also nationally. Your support and guidance in these unusual days is very much valued and welcomed.

We thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in support of these important topic areas.

Sincerely,

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