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Dear Minister Goodyear:

Each year in and around January 28th, Cambridge Right to Life marks the anniversary of the day the Supreme Court of Canada took all legal protection away from the pre-born children of our country by striking down Canada's only abortion law. This year marks the 27th year of that fateful day.

On behalf of approximately 1,200 members of Cambridge Right to Life, we, the small group of citizens present today, are here to mourn the loss of the over three and a half million pre-born Canadian children who have been killed as a direct result of politicians (of all political parties) who have abandoned their role as just legislators.

For the past nine years the conservative government has done everything within its power to avert a discussion, debate or even consider Canada's status quo on the issue of abortion.

But like it or not, the issue of abortion is sure to dominate the 2015 election due to Justin Trudeau's undemocratic edict to disallow pro-life candidates to represent the Liberal Party.

It begs the question, how does Mr. Trudeau's position differ from the Conservative government's position? We're not sure what's worse, a prime minister who gives the illusion of a free vote and then pressures MPs to vote against pro-life bills/ motions or not having pro-life representation in the House of Commons. The end result is the same.

You indicated to Cambridge Right to Life in August of 2012 that despite having a pro-life stance, you would vote against all pro-life initiatives based on the promise you made in the last election to not re-open debate. Naturally, we find this statement inconsistent with a pro-life position.

This year, another 90,000 lives will be lost to abortion. It is a great tragedy that these children will not live because our government continues to treat them as a political liability.

The reality is that the abortion debate never ended. As a nation we have not stopped talking about the issue or debating the merits of legislation and yet we are told that "now is not the time" to deal with the issue. We understand that politics are complicated, but as Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his insightful Letter from Birmingham Jail, "waiting almost always means never."

Honourable member, Canada needs your leadership in bringing a greater awareness to this injustice.

As you know the Supreme Court unanimously noted that Parliament was within its jurisdiction to draft a law to protect the child in the womb. As you seek re-election this year it is not too late for you to change course and work to bring protection to our pre-born brothers and sisters. Let the history books say that your actions helped our country return to a culture of life that brings dignity to all!

We leave you with an inspiring quote from Reverend Billy Graham who said, *"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened."*

Sincerely,

Cambridge Right to Life