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Going Backwards on Women's Equality

OTTAWA – The Canadian Labour Congress says the federal government has it all wrong when it comes to women's equality. In a statement to mark the annual December 6th National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, it calls on the government to reverse budget cuts and law-and-order measures in favour of a more integrated approach.

“Until all women in Canada have true economic and social equality, ending the violence we experience is not possible. Fighting violence, we have learned, requires an integrated approach... A law-and-order agenda, by itself, will not end violence against women. Punishing those who act out the violence does not address the source of that violence. It certainly would not have made a difference for the fourteen women we pause to remember every December 6th. We would mourn them still,” says Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress.

The full text of the December 6th statement can be found on the Canadian Labour Congress web site: canadianlabour.ca.

The Canadian Labour Congress, the national voice of the labour movement, represents 3.2 million Canadian workers. The CLC brings together Canada's national and international unions along with the provincial and territorial federations of labour and 136 district labour councils.

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