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Dear Ms. Eng:

Thank you for your letter dated July 4, 2013 with recommendations for action regarding elder abuse in Canada. You have raised a variety of recommendations that impact several different policy areas. I am pleased to share with you of some of the recent activities undertaken by the Government of Saskatchewan through the Ministry of Justice:

- We have been working with the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism to support their efforts to develop a provincial senior abuse and neglect victims' crisis response line. This project would give victims a centralized number that any senior can call for help dealing with abuse or neglect. The line would be available 24 hours a day and be handled by trained crisis responders.
- We are currently expanding police-based victim services programming to every police jurisdiction throughout Saskatchewan. These programs offer support, information and referrals to victims of crime immediately after an incident and throughout the criminal justice process.
- In the 2013-14 Provincial Budget, new funding was provided for the development
 of new transition house services in the city of Melfort, and for immediate service
 expansion by existing transition houses in the cities of Prince Albert and Regina.

These are important steps in our ongoing work to improve responses to victims of interpersonal violence and abuse, including seniors experiencing abuse.

Thank you for bringing your concerns and recommendations to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon S. Wyant, Q.C. Minister of Justice

and Attorney General