

Strengthening Bail Laws to Protect Victims of Intimate Partner Violence – 2022 UWC North York

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal government of Canada to amend the Criminal Code of Canada to protect victims of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) by, but not limited to:

a) Granting bail (judicial interim release) only to first time alleged IPV offenders who have no previous IPV convictions, have not violated any previous bail conditions and have not committed a weapons-related offence or demonstrated a behavioural pattern of coercive control.

b) Making it a legal duty to inform victims immediately about the time, day and location of the bail hearing and to ensure safety concerns are submitted to the bail hearing.

c) Making it a legal duty, if bail is granted, for repeat or high-risk accused to wear a GPS tracking device to strengthen a restraining order.

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal, provincial, municipal and territorial governments of Canada to work collaboratively to provide full funding for mandatory attendance of IPV offenders (including those on bail) at effective and evidence- based violence prevention programs