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BY EMAIL

Dear Dr. Durrant:

Re: Canadian Joint Statement on the Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

I am pleased to advise you that the Manitoba Human Rights Commission's Board of Commissioners', at its June 24, 2020 meeting, agreed to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth, which can be found at:

<http://www.cheo.on.ca/en/physicalpunishment>.

As a human rights institution, we affirm the fundamental importance of the rights of children, including their right to be free from physical and emotional abuse. As outlined in the Joint Statement, the physical punishment of children is incompatible with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was ratified in Canada in 1991.

We commend the Coalition for its work to bring the issue of physical punishment of children and youth to the attention of all Canadians. We look forward to working with Coalition partners in Manitoba to raise awareness for this important effort.

Sincerely,

Karen Sharma
A/Executive Director
Manitoba Human Rights Commission