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Ms. Rita Arey,
President,
Status of Women Council
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Dear Ms Arey:

As a citizen of the Northwest Territories/Nunavut, I am very concerned regarding the announcement by the Government of the Northwest Territories that funding for Women's Programs will be out by 10%. It appears that Social Envelope program funding that is increasing overall does not mean that individual programs maintain their existing funding level. This is too bad in the case of these specific programs.

Women's Programs have always been underfunded, which is most unfortunate and these proposed cuts will hurt the program delivery very much.

The Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly should look very closely at the implications of cut backs in these areas, the women after all form half of the population of the Northwest Territories/Nunavut.

Yours sincerely,

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