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Hello Ms. Leslie,

To ensure that you realize the seriousness of my and Linda's concerns I will add a few more points to Linda's conversation she sent to you. Making a political decision regarding the governments involvement in the commodification 'prostituting' violence of women must also consider the following:

1. When governments support commodification 'prostitution' violence against women organized crimes follow,
2. Not all "client-perpetrators" are 'interested' in women, many are interested in children beginning with newborns so government supported violence against women becomes government support for violence against our children,
3. Other exploitative crimes occur to meet the demand for destructive symbiotic sexualized violence such as adult-child 'pornography',
4. In Canada the Government is already aware of the following pedophilic violence including the demand for children to torture. Canadian research and police evidence reveals that there is a demand side for infants to be victims for sexualized torturing, including of infants who still have their umbilical cord attached, infants covered with ejaculate, toddlers being orally raped,[1] infants in diapers being victimized,[2] and a six-month-old baby being raped.[3] Torture and bondage is involved in 20% of the pedophilic pornography viewed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Child Exploitation Unit in Ottawa according to supervisor Earla-Kim McColl.[4] No country is immune to this demand side of sexualized crimes against children. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection examined internet pedophilic images listing that "bestiality, bondage, torture, and degrading acts such as defecation, mostly (68.5%) occurred against children under 8 years old".[5] The girl child was in 83% of the pedophilic criminal images. Images also included necrophilia, other forms of degradation such as being urinated on, weapons being used, children being forced to inflict sexualized harms against each other, and newborns and toddlers being victimized.
5. In fact, one woman, one of numerous Nova Scotian women Linda and I have listened to as they disclosed non-State torture victimization, informed us she had been born into a torture inflicting family, which was connected to other like-minded, and that they trafficked her from toddlerhood. She explained that her family "trained" her to withstand torture because there was a demand for children who could withstand sexualized torture.
6. Also important is paying attention to language that reinforces pedophilic sexualized violence. Adults NEVER have 'sex' with a child, it is always a crime; yet, much too frequently, I read and hear media and society speak of reports as adults arrested for having 'sex' with children.

Thank you for your attention to Linda, my and Sandy Greenberg's concerns.

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**Subject:** Support the Nordic Model - Prostitution is Not Work it is a Form of Violence Against Women

Hello Ms Leslie,

I was pleased to read in the Chronicle Herald today that people had come to you in opposition related to the legalization of prostitution. Jeanne Sarson and I want to add our voices and state that we adamantly oppose such legislation based on our 20 years of experience of supporting women who have endured non-State torture. We have listened to over 3000 women who live in Canada and other countries around the world and some who are survivors of prostitution. The women tell Jeanne and I of the horror stories of non-State torture they endured while being trapped in prostitution - ordeals such as enduring gang rape, being chained to radiators, being fed only water and rice daily, and water torture to name but a few. We simply state torture is not work and thus prostitution is not work. Prostitution is a form of violence against women and may often include non-State torture.

As abolitionists Jeanne and I have been sharing the voices of women survivors of prostitution where ever we speak such as at universities and the United Nations Commission and the Status of Women Sessions of which we have been attending since 2004. At the UN we have met other women abolitionists, from such countries as Sweden, Norway, Ireland, England, Philippines and the US, who all support the Nordic Model. As Canadians if we walk down the path of legalizing prostitution we will be on the wrong side of herstory.

Jeanne and I ask that you as Deputy Leader recommend the Nordic Model to your members thus supporting the human rights of women who are now involved in prostitution or are survivors of prostitution; and hold the Johns accountable for the demand side of prostitution.

We would be willing to meet with you and share our work on non-State torture. And I include our Fact Sheet: Torture in the Private Sphere:

[http://nonstatetorture.org/files/3913/6165/3540/fact\\_sheet\\_torture\\_in\\_the\\_private\\_sphere2.pdf](http://nonstatetorture.org/files/3913/6165/3540/fact_sheet_torture_in_the_private_sphere2.pdf)

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**"Torture is not Work"**