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Mr. Ron Ensom
National Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth
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Re: Letter of Support: Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

Dear Mr. Ensom:

Wisdom2Action is pleased to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.

Wisdom2Action is a knowledge mobilization network that was created to improve mental health and well-being for vulnerable and at-risk children and youth. It was established with the goal of strengthening the connection between evidence and practice, and facilitating cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary knowledge sharing and collaboration between those working to improve the lives of vulnerable young people from across Canada. We see this initiative as an important effort to further the rights of children in Canada.

Children have a right to live free from violence of any kind. We wholeheartedly support the findings and recommendations included in the report and are happy to provide this endorsement.

We look forward to the chance to continue as part of this exciting initiative.

Kind regards,

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