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To Niagara Regional Council,

November 12, 2019

As a resident, I'm writing to share my support for the recent efforts to establish a women's advisory committee at the Region.

It's clear within the Region that women's voices are still not proportionately heard or heeded in Council deliberations. The establishment of a committee that might help us progress in this matter is quite literally the least possible thing we might do to improve the situation in accordance with the recommendations from [ELECT HER: A ROADMAP FOR IMPROVING THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN CANADIAN POLITICS The Report of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women](#).

Increasing women's participation in Regional decision-making will lead to better, more responsible and more inclusive decisions overall. Council needs no reminder of what happens when diverse viewpoints aren't reflected in its deliberations. Should Council desire such a reminder, it need look no further than this Council's previous leadership.

I trust that this council has the wisdom to make a better decision for all of Niagara and take steps towards greater inclusiveness. I look forward to hearing some of the delegates, namely Haley Bateman and Emily Spanton, speak to this issue Thursday evening at Council and for all of Council to approve this committee's creation.

Faithfully yours,

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