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Donna Dasko
Equal Voice

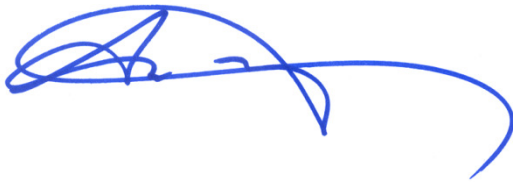
Dear Donna,

I want to take this opportunity to once again commend Equal Voice for the work that it does in increasing women's representation at all levels of government. The Ontario NDP is a dedicated partner in the goal of increasing the number of women at Queen's Park.

The Ontario NDP is proud that 43% of our caucus is made up of women. In recent by-elections we also elected two strong women to Queen's Park, Catherine Fife and Peggy Sattler. Of course we also realize that more can be done. While we do not know when the next election will be, the Ontario NDP is committed to increasing the number of women candidates running in the next election. We have sent strong signals to riding associations so that female candidates are given strong consideration and approached to run for our Party.

Out of the 61 nominated Ontario NDP candidates, 29 of them are women. As we approach the next election we are committed to meeting more internal targets and to electing more women candidates across Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Horwath', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Horwath
Leader, Ontario's NDP