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Via email: suzanne.anton.mla@leg.bc.ca

**Attention: Hon. Suzanne Anton** 

Dear Minister Anton:

Re: Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry website

We write to add our concern to that expressed by the BC Civil Liberties Association in a letter dated 26 September 2013 regarding the "missing" website for the Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry. We agree with the BCCLA that it is in the public interest that the Inquiry's primary source materials, including transcripts of proceedings, submissions to the Commission, and the Commissioner's rulings, be available to the public. As the BCCLA points out, these types of documents have remained publicly available following other public inquiries held in BC, and we see no reason for treating the Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry differently. Moreover, the source material is of key value to those in the community who continue to work on this vital issue.

We call on you to immediately reactivate the Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry website, complete with all of the primary source material and information it previously contained.

Yours truly,

Laura Track Legal Director

Cc: Hon. Wally Oppal QC, Missing Women's Inquiry Commissioner

CC: Lindsay Lyster, BCCLA President