



ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT

Friday, DECEMBER 3, 2010 is

ROSE CAMPAIGN NATIONAL ACTION DAY on VAW

Talk To Your MP About Violence Against Women

Join National Action Day on VAW - Mark your calendar and contact your MP!

National Action Day on VAW, when we talk to MPs in their constituency offices about violence against women, is Friday, December 3. On Fridays, the House of Commons doesn't sit and many MPs are in their constituencies. As a resident or an agency operating in the constituency, you can make an appointment to talk to them in their local constituency office. Phone or write – a sample letter *Appointment Request* is attached – asking for an appointment for a visit or a phone call on December 3, 2010. If December 3 doesn't work for you or your MP, another date is fine. If you don't have your MP's name or contact information you can find it at [findmyMP](#) by inserting your postal code.

What can you talk about?

This year's Rose Campaign links violence to women's homelessness and the need for a **National Housing Strategy** with a gender lens and a women's component. You can review the message on the *Send a Rose to Your MP* email at rosecampaign.ca/send. The attached piece *Violence and Women's Homelessness – Making the Connections* should also be helpful. *Bill C-304*, the private member's bill for a **National Housing Strategy** is still moving forward so we're linking our campaign to legislative change. The *National Action Day Talking Points*, also attached cover a number of issues.

If you do make an appointment

Let us know quickly and we'll send you a hard copy kit to leave behind with your MP at the meeting. Contact adecter@ywcacanada.ca or 416-962-8881 ext 224.

Let us know how it goes

The YWCA National office is tracking contacts with MPs and what they have to say on the issues. After you meet with your MP, you can use the attached ***Feedback Form*** to send us information on how it went, or you can fill in the survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JZBGDFY>

We're also sending postcards

We've also produced postcards to the Prime Minister (in English) and Gilles Duceppe (in French) in support of *Bill C-304*. The Bloc has responded well to pressure from housing activists in Quebec, with regard to making changes to the Bill rather than not supporting it, and we want to keep that pressure on. All you have to do is sign and drop in a mail box. We'll be sending them in a Rose Campaign package to each MA next week, but if you would like some sent directly to you, please let us know ASAP.

Please share this with your advocacy staff and committees, and invite interested men and women to join the lobby. Talking points are not intended for public distribution, but the rest of the documents are public.