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**Re: Right to Repair for Large Household Appliances**

Dear [Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_] / FOR A LOCAL MEMBER WHO IS A CABINET MINISTER: Dear Minister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing on behalf of the [CFUW/UWC\_\_\_\_\_], an affiliate of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) that works to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace in Canada and abroad.

We are calling on you to urge the Government of Canada, provincial, terriotorial, and muncipal governments to work together and create “right to repair” legislation, including a minimum five-year warranty on parts and labour, making the repair of large household appliances used in Canada easier, in an effort to reduce waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and create local jobs.

Large appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers, cooking ranges, and clothes dryers are major household expenditures and consumers expect these products to be reliable, durable, and last for many years. However, many of these appliances require repairs or replacement within their first five years of ownership under the current “take-make-waste” model. As Canadian manufacturing of large household appliances is virtually extinct and these appliances are primarily manufactured offshore using cheaper materials and labour, the full environmental and social costs of these products are typically not included in the up-front cost.

The “right to repair” movement is gaining momentum across the world. European Commission regulations which require manufacturers to design longer-lasting machines, make spare parts easily and readily available for a minimum of 10 years and make the repairs easy to carry out with simple tools came into effect in 2021. “Right to repair” legislation in Canada would accelerate Canada’s implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 12 which ensures sustainable consumption and production patterns.

CFUW urges your support of “right to repair” legislation for large household appliances. We would be pleased to meet to discuss this letter and our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

 [NAME OF CLUB PRESIDENT]

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