

Dear

As a concerned citizen in your riding, I am writing to urge you to support legislation that bans the misuse of Nondisclosure Agreements (NDAs) to cover up complaints of harassment, assault, and abuse cases.

Recently, the province of Prince Edward Island passed **Bill no 118 Nondisclosure Agreements Act** which became law in May 2022, causing PEI to become one of the first jurisdictions in the world to have an NDA law. Since PEI passed its bill, legislation banning the misuse of NDAs has become law in Tasmania, Ireland, the United States, and soon, in the United Kingdom. Nova Scotia (**Bill no 144**), Manitoba (**Bill no 215**), and British Columbia (**Bill no 215**) have all tabled Nondisclosure Agreement Acts in their provinces.

Canadians have recently heard about the abuse of young athletes in sports organizations such as Hockey Canada, Gymnastics Canada, and Canada Soccer. Many of the abuse incidents have been hidden by confidentiality clauses. However, this is only the tip of the iceberg regarding the sexual assault of children. It is becoming more and more evident that sexual assault and abuse happen to:

- A) Children in their homes by friends and family members;
- B) Children in foster care;
- C) Children in residential schools;
- D) Children in recreational programs;
- E) Children in religious institutions
- F) Children in public and private schools;
- G) Children in any setting

However, because many of these incidents in the various settings have been hidden by NDAs, we cannot get a clear view of the problem's extent.

Therefore, I am asking you to create and support legislation to ban the misuse of Nondisclosure Agreements (NDAs) in our home province, especially regarding the assault and sexual abuse of children. We must become more aware and transparent in the law about the extent of the abuse for the problem to be solved.

Sincerely

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