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END VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE (EVE) CALLS ON POLITICAL LEADERS TO COMMIT TO JUSTICE, SAFETY, AND SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV) AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Toronto, ON/ Canada, February 19, 2025 – End Violence Everywhere (EVE) is calling on all political parties to take a clear stance on addressing intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual violence in Ontario. As the province continues to see systemic failures that allow abusers to walk free and survivors to suffer without support, EVE is demanding concrete commitments to legal reform, survivor support, and violence prevention.

NO PARTIES HAVE FORMALLY RESPONDED TO REQUESTS FOR PLATFORMS WITH JUDICIAL CHANGES. With Ontario facing a crisis of IPV-related homicides, underfunded victim services, and a legal system that routinely fails survivors, EVE has put forward **18 critical questions** that political leaders must answer. These questions cover five key areas:

Justice and Legal Reform

- Will your party ensure government-funded legal representation for all survivors of IPV and sexual assault, regardless of income?
- What policies will you implement to address the lack of criminal trials for IPV and sexual assault cases?
- Will you push for mandatory judicial training to eliminate bias and systemic failures in cases involving IPV and coercive control?
- What measures will you take to enforce restraining orders and hold abusers accountable?
- Will you reform bail laws to prevent repeat offenders from being released back into the community?

- Will your party declare **IPV an epidemic** in Ontario?

Homicide and Systemic Failures

- How will your government address preventable femicides caused by justice system failures?
- Will you implement a province-wide review board to track legal system failures in intimate partner homicides?
- What steps will you take to support families seeking justice for murdered loved ones, including access to legal aid and victim services?

Housing and Economic Stability

- Will you commit to emergency funding for transitional housing to keep survivors safe?
- How will you ensure funding for EVE's Modular Homes Initiative, providing long-term stability for survivors?
- What financial supports will you introduce to help survivors rebuild their lives, including education, job training, and childcare?

Trauma Recovery and Support Services

- What funding will be allocated to expand trauma-informed therapy, including EMDR, for survivors of IPV and sexual violence?
- Will you ensure free and immediate access to mental health support for survivors?
- How will you address service gaps for survivors experiencing PTSD, anxiety, and long-term trauma?

Prevention and Education

- Will your party commit to mandatory education in schools on consent, coercive control, and healthy relationships?
- How will you strengthen protections for children exposed to domestic violence?
- What investments will you make in community-based programs to prevent gender-based violence before it escalates?

A Call for Action

We are tired of hearing that “more needs to be done” while survivors remain unsafe, unsupported, and unheard. These are not abstract policy issues — these are life-and-death questions. We demand clear commitments, not vague promises.

With Ontario at a breaking point, EVE is urging all political leaders to provide direct answers to these 18 questions and take immediate action to protect survivors and hold perpetrators accountable.

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About EVE

End Violence Everywhere (EVE) is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting survivors of domestic violence, raising awareness about intimate partner violence, and advocating for systemic change. We believe in a world where all individuals can live free from violence and oppression.