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The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Legislations Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Theresa Ryan, Legislation Chairperson

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**Directive # 5**

*Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12, NIV).*

I continue to urge you to speak or write to your local M.P.P. about supporting Bill 129, the private member's Bill being presented May 18<sup>th</sup>, relating to conscience rights for health care providers.

I believe that many of us are disillusioned with our government, but disengaging from the system and spreading the word isn't enough. I **repeat—it isn't enough.** I am fired up about what our MP's/MPP's can do. They are our voices in government, and we don't even have a chance of them following through on that unless we **share** our opinions and let them know what we feel.

Activists of all political stripes recommend **calling legislators, not just emailing** — and certainly not just venting on social media. Several lawmakers, along with those who work for them, said in interviews that: A phone call from a constituent can, indeed, hold more weight than an email, and far outweighs a Facebook post or a tweet.

Emails just won't get the same amount of individual attention.

**What to Say when you call**

Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_, a constituent calling about \_\_\_\_\_. I'm thankful to the (Liberals/Conservatives/NDP) who have already spoken out toward/against this attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ and I want (MP/MPP/ 's NAME) to know \_\_\_\_\_. Please pass along my message. Thank you for taking my call.

**My challenge to you today is to make that call** and then email me and let me know you did.

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