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The Honourable Jane Philpott, M.P.
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

Dear Ms. Minister,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, founded in 1920, is the largest national organization of women in Canada, with in excess of 83,000 members represented in every province and the military. The League has often received the commendation and keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership and is organized and pledged to serve all citizens of goodwill.

I am writing on behalf of members to urge the federal government to undertake a complete revision of Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide as recommended in the 2016 report by the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology entitled Obesity in Canada. Furthermore, members urge the federal government to set policy to review the guide every five years and to publish the date of revision on the guide in response to the realization that it has been over nine years since the last version of Canada's food guide was issued. Given the pace at which food consumption trends evolve and new foods become readily available to consumers, it is imperative that the guide be updated on a more regular basis and that consumers are aware of when the most recent review occurred.

On behalf of members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, if Health Canada is not already acting upon the recommendations of the Standing Senate Committee, I urge you to consider doing so as soon as possible. I look forward to your favourable response to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Margaret Ann Jacobs
National President

c.c. The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada