



May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

The Honourable Rechie Valdez, P.C., M.P.  
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Secretary of State (Small Business and Tourism)  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Minister Valdez,

On behalf of the Certified Professional Bookkeepers of Canada (CPB Canada), we extend our warmest congratulations on your recent appointment to the Cabinet as Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Secretary of State for Small Business and Tourism. Additionally, we commend you on your appointment as Chief Government Whip.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you. Your appointment to these important roles is a testament to your dedication and capabilities. We acknowledge the critical impact these ministries have in advancing equality, supporting entrepreneurs, and fostering economic growth for all Canadians.

CPB Canada is a business-led organization driven by women. With nearly 85% of our 2,500 members being women, we are proud to serve as the financial backbone for small and medium-sized businesses. We don't just advocate for gender equality; we lead by example.

During the pandemic, it was our members and the bookkeeping industry that provided essential financial and service support to small businesses. As we enter a new period of fiscal uncertainty and hardship, our community is once again ready to step forward.

Given the important role we play, we are eager to see the positive impact of your leadership and would like to explore opportunities to collaborate with you and your office. We believe that by working together, we can make progress on key issues that are of shared importance to both of our portfolios.

On behalf of our professional community, we wish you great success in your new roles and look forward to the valuable contributions you will undoubtedly make to Canada.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to CPB Canada if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,



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