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The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

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**To: Chairpersons of Resolutions and Legislation/ Parish President/Provincial
President
Provincial Executive/ Life Members (For Information)
National Chairpersons of Resolutions and Legislation**

**From: Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions and Legislation
Margaret Fitzpatrick**

**Enclosures: List of Cabinet Ministers and Members of the House of Assembly
Sample letter /Caffeine in Energy Drinks**

Happy New Year to everyone and Best Wishes for Good Health and Good Works in the coming year!

Resolution 2001.04 Caffeine in Energy Drinks

In light of the federal government's proposed measures regarding caffeine in energy drinks, we are asked to direct our letters to the provincial government - Premier Dunderdale and Health Minister, Susan Sullivan. Please refer to the attached sample letter and to the resolution in the League magazine.

Action Plans for other resolutions passed at the last convention are also described in the fall issue of the magazine. Letters may still be written about past resolutions especially those concerning poverty reduction(Resolution 2004.02 Children Living in Poverty, which urges the federal government to develop comprehensive national strategy programs to ensure that all families have adequate income levels) and adequate, affordable housing (Resolution2003.1 Affordable Housing for Low Income Canadians, which urges the federal government to increase funding for adequate, affordable housing.)Letter writing is important. Please continue to write letters concerning these or any resolution that is of particular interest to your council.

National Chairperson's Report - Our National Chairperson of Resolutions, Anne-Marie Gorman informs us that meetings with federal government ministries and with the NDP and Liberal critics took place Nov.28-Dec. 1,2011. They also met with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Her report will be in the winter edition of The Canadian League.

Annual Reports - When sending in your annual reports , if you can, please include the number of letters

sent and replies received and report them under the appropriate standing committees. It would be good to keep this in mind as we begin our letter writing for this year.

Legislation - Our National Chairperson of Legislation, Terri Scott has forwarded several items of interest in legislation and asks that we consider them, as well, when we write our members of Parliament. She has listed:

Bill C-304 An Act to Ensure Secure Adequate Accessible and Affordable Housing for Canadians - revisit Resolution 2003.01

Bill C-4 An Act to amend The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, The Balanced Refugee Reform Act and the Marine Transportation Security Act - revisit Resolution 2005.05

Bill C-242 An Act to amend the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act - revisit Resolution 2001.06

Bill C-257 An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (mandatory labelling for genetically modified foods) revisit Resolution 1997.06

Bill C-19 An Act to amend the Criminal Code and Firearms Act, Ending the Long-gun Registry Act - revisit resolution 1990.11

Bill C-233 An Act to Eliminate Poverty in Canada, Poverty Elimination Act - revisit Resolutions 1989.10 and 2004.02

Bill C 310 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons) - revisit Resolutions 2004.05 and 2008.01

LEGISinfo - It is interesting to watch the progress of these and other Bills at LEGISinfo and to keep informed of current happenings in Parliament. If you do not have access to a computer, the library provides this service and they are always willing to help.

As you can see, there are a lot of issues that require our attention. Please keep informed on local issues, as well, and let us know if we can be of assistance.

We continue our work with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Margaret Fitzpatrick

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Dear Premier Dunderdale,

I am writing you concerning the serious health risks associated with caffeine in energy drinks. Children and adolescents are especially at risk if they exceed Health Canada's recommended maximum daily intake of caffeine.

The federal government has proposed new measures regarding these drinks. Labels are to state the total amount of caffeine per serving as well as a warning not to mix these drinks with alcohol. A program of public education to enable Canadian families to make more informed choices is to come into effect in August, 2012.

I feel that this is a step in the right direction; yet, these drinks are frequently advertised and displayed in local stores alongside sports drinks and soft drinks and are readily available to young people. I am asking the provincial government to regulate the sale of these drinks so that our children are protected from unnecessary risk.

Thank you for your consideration and I would appreciate a reply.

Sincerely yours,

Cabinet Ministers by Department

Portfolio	Minister
Advanced Education and Skills and Minister Responsible for the Status of Personswith Disabilities and for Youth Engagement	Joan Burke
Child, Youth and Family Services and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women	Charlene Johnson
Education	Clyde Jackman
Environment and Conservation and Minister Responsible for the Labour Relations Agency, the Multi Materials Stewardship Board and Office of Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Emissions Trading	Terry French
Finance, President of Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for the Public Service Secretariat, the Public Service Commission and the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation	Thomas W. Marshall, Q.C.
Fisheries and Aquaculture and Deputy Government House Leader	Darin King
Health and Community Services and Minister Responsible for Aging and Seniors, and Francophone Affairs	Susan Sullivan
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs, and the Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector	Nick McGrath
Innovation, Business and Rural Development and Minister Responsible for the Rural Secretariat, and the Research & Development Corporation	Keith Hutchings
Justice and Attorney General	Felix Collins
Municipal Affairs and Minister Responsible for Fire and Emergency Services – Newfoundland and Labrador, and Registrar General	Kevin O'Brien
Natural Resources, Minister Responsible for the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and Government House Leader	Jerome Kennedy, Q.C.
Service Newfoundland and Labrador and Minister Responsible for the Government	

Purchasing Agency, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission	Paul Davis
Tourism, Culture and Recreation	Derrick Dalley
Transportation and Works and Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation	Tom Hedderson

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Alphabetically by Member's Name

Member	District	Party
Dwight Ball	Humber Valley	Liberal
Jim Bennett	St. Barbe	Liberal
David Brazil	Conception Bay East-Bell Island	Progressive Conservative
Joan Burke	St. George's-Stephenville East	Progressive Conservative
Felix Collins	Placentia-St. Mary's	Progressive Conservative
Sandy Collins	Terra Nova	Progressive Conservative
Tony Cornect	Port au Port	Progressive Conservative
Eli Cross	Bonivista North	Progressive Conservative
Dan Crummell	St. John's West	Progressive Conservative
Derrick Dalley	The Isles of Notre Dame	Progressive Conservative
Paul Davis	Topsail	Progressive Conservative
John Dinn	Kilbride	Progressive Conservative
Kathy Dunderdale	Virginia Waters	Progressive Conservative
Randy Edmunds	Torngat Mountains	Liberal
Clayton Forsey	Exploits	Progressive Conservative
Terry French	Conception Bay South	Progressive Conservative
Vaughn Granter	Humber West	Progressive Conservative
Tom Hedderson	Harbour Main	Progressive Conservative
Ray Hunter	Grand Falls-Winsor-Green Bay South	Progressive Conservative
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland	Progressive Conservative
Clyde Jackman	Burin-Placentia West	Progressive Conservative
Charlene Johnson	Trinity-BayDe Verde	Progressive Conservative
Yvonne Jones	Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair	Liberal
Eddie Joyce	Bay of Islands	Liberal

Jerome Kennedy, Q.C.	Carbonear-Harbour Grace	Progressive Conservative
Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North	Progressive Conservative
Darin T. King, Ph.D	Grand Bank	Progressive Conservative
Dale Kirby	St. John's North	New Democrat
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl South	Progressive Conservative
Glenn Little	Bonivista South	Progressive Conservative
Glenn Littlejohn	Port de Grave	Progressive Conservative
Tom Marshall	Humber East	Progressive Conservative
Nick McGrath	Labrador West	Progressive Conservative
Lorraine Michael	Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi	New Democrat
Christopher Mitchelmore	The Straits-White Bay North	New Democrat
George Murphy	St. John's East	New Democrat
Kevin O'Brien	Gander	Progressive Conservative
Tom Osborne	St. John's South	Progressive Conservative
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo-La Poile	Liberal
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis	Progressive Conservative
Calvin Peach	Bellevue	Progressive Conservative
Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune	Progressive Conservative
Kevin Pollard	Baie Verte-Springdale	Progressive Conservative
Gerry Rogers	St. John's Centre	New Democrat
Keith Russell	Lake Melville	Progressive Conservative
Susan Sullivan	Grand Falls-Winsor-Buchans	Progressive Conservative
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Ross Wiseman	Trinity North	Progressive Conservative