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Ms. Rankin:

Thank you for writing to me regarding Canada's federal defence spending. I greatly appreciate the time and effort you have taken to reach out, as well as your insights and expertise on this matter.

Indeed, there is much to consider—balancing our defence spending and security needs with other national priorities is not a simple undertaking. However, our government is committed to leading a thoughtful and coherent approach to defence spending and to our broader defence policies, one that reflects the range of perspectives and interests at stake.

Please be advised that your message has been noted and will be taken into consideration moving forward.

Thank you again for writing, and please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Trudeau", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Ms. Penny Rankin
President
National Council of Women of Canada