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MP Sahota Hosts Women's Focused Discussion with Minister of Status of Women

16/08/2017– Brampton, ON – Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, welcomed the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, to Brampton to meet with local organizations and leaders to discuss community issues through a gendered lens.

“Our government is seeking to address systemic barriers that women face on a daily basis,” remarked MP Ruby Sahota. “Our focus is primarily three-fold: increasing women’s economic security and prosperity, encouraging women and girls into leadership and decision-making roles, and ending violence against women and girls.”

MP Sahota’s roundtable discussion with Minister Monsef focused on three broad themes: social barriers effecting women, female empowerment and mentorship, and the conceptualization of gender in ethnic communities. The roundtable discussion was attended by the Brampton Multicultural Community Centre, Interim Place, United Way of Peel, Catholic Family Services of Peel, Hope 24/7, Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton, Peel Women’s Entrepreneur Group, ZONTA, Boys and Girls Club of Peel, Red Shawl, Indus Community Services, Pink Ladoo Project, Laadliyan – Celebrating Daughters, and other community leaders as well as MP Kamal Khara (Brampton West), MP Sonia Sidhu (Brampton South), and representatives from MP Ramesh Sangha (Brampton Centre) and MP Raj Grewal’s (Brampton East) office.

“Our Government believes that an active dialogue between stakeholders and decision-makers is essential,” said MP Ruby Sahota. “Advocacy is what will ensure that our decisions are informed and properly address the needs of Canadians, especially those who are more vulnerable.”

Advancing gender equality has been a fundamental priority of the Liberal Government. From a gender-balanced cabinet to a rigorous gender-based analysis on Budget 2017, the Government is committed to bringing together strong women leaders and supporting organizations that push for greater gender quality in their communities and across Canada. The Government has committed \$100.9 million to prevent and address gender-based violence, as well as over \$18 million to support grassroots organizations and engage 150 women leaders across the country, the largest investment in the history of Status of Women Canada.

“Today, we did more than announce an investment of \$3.2 million to advance gender equality in the Toronto area. Thanks to area MP's like Ruby Sahota, we heard from local leaders about the ways the government of Canada can work with them to improve social and economic outcomes for all women, girls and gender diverse peoples in the Toronto area,” stated Minister Monsef.

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