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Dear Ms Kaplan

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate **impact for women** on marking its tenth year supporting women and children at the highest risk of family violence.

I thank yourself and all volunteers for dedicating the charity to improving the lives of women and children experiencing this harm, especially those in crisis accommodation.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to ending the harm of family violence. That's why we established the Royal Commission into Family Violence. The Commission made 227 recommendations in its final report, all of which our government has committed to implementing.

The Victorian Labor Government believes that in order to achieve generational reform all members of the community must become champions of change. Entities such as **impact for women** have a central role in ensuring that a whole-of-community approach is utilised to promote women's safety, security, health and wellbeing. I have no doubt that the range of initiatives led by **impact for women** have made incredible difference to the lives of many women and children during periods of extreme difficulty.

Due to a prior commitment I am unfortunately unable to attend your celebratory brunch at the St Kilda Town Hall, however, I am delighted that my parliamentary colleague Ms Sonya Kilkenny, State Member for Carrum will attend as my representative.

I look forward to working with you in the future in ensuring that every Victorian family is safe from the harm of family violence.

Thank you and all the best in celebrating this milestone.

Yours sincerely

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