



association of university and college employees

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RE: RAPE RELIEF CENTRE FUNDING

Enclosed you will find a letter to the Attorney-General of British Columbia, Allan Williams, stating our opposition to the cut in funding.

"The 1500 members of the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) Local I, 93% of whom are women, wish to express their support for Rape Relief Centres in British Columbia and for the women who organize and run these centres. We view the cut in funding to Rape Relief Centres as part of an overall attack by the Social Credit government on women and women's rights - equal pay for work of equal value, adequate daycare, and rape crisis centres.

AUCE Local I is a feminist union and as such, has always fought for an equal place in society to that of men. We, as women, wish to enjoy the freedom and democracy that this society espouses. It is fundamental to this freedom that we live without terror of physical attack and/or rape. A potential loss of the irreplaceable service provided by Rape Relief is intolerable.

We therefore urge you to reconsider this drastic decision and insist that you reinstate funding for Rape Relief Centres in this province."

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