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The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee

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To: Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons; Parish presidents, Diocesan Standing Committee Chairpersons

From: Diocesan Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee
Chairperson- Shirley Gravel

cc: Provincial Resolutions and Legislation Committee Chairperson, Diocesan President

Dear CWL Members;

The following motion was passed at the 2017 Provincial and National CWL Conventions.

2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise Tax Act for Child Safety Products

Whereas, the cost of child safety products listed in the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* is subject to the goods and services tax provisions of the *Excise Tax Act*; and

Whereas, the federal government has the authority to identify certain goods and services as being zero-rated for the goods and services tax; therefore, be it

Resolved, that national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in 97th annual national convention assembled urge the federal government to grant zero-rated status for regulated child safety products under the goods and services tax provisions of the *Excise Tax Act*.

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Action Plan

1. Write letters to the federal government requesting the removal of the federal portion of tax from child safety products.
2. Invite a guest speaker to educate members on the requirements for the child safety Products.
3. Hold a fundraiser for a local young mothers group to purchase safety products for those in need.
4. Study the list of products in the *Canada Safety Act* and ascertain if any other products should be listed as well.
5. Educate the public on the provincial rebate for child safety products

The Action Plan offers good suggestions for our members. In particular, the second suggestion would be beneficial to our membership, young and old. Young members of our parish with children may appreciate the opportunity to be better informed on the safety products they are purchasing for their children. Older CWL members (grandparents) often purchase children's items because they assist in the care of young children. The presentations could be open to the public.

Shirley Gravel