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To:

- Halmonies (Grandmas who survived Japan's military sexual slavery system)
- The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan
- War & Women's Human Rights Museum

We at Canada ALPHA write this letter in support of the Halmonies who are still with us in the struggle for justice today, those we have lost through these years, and the hundreds of thousands who did not survive the nightmare of sexual slavery. Sadly, we write this letter as the current rightwing Japanese government reinterprets Article 9.

As an advocate, partner and friend in this struggle for what is right, we at Canada ALPHA write this letter in support of you. In support of the second International Memorial Day for the "comfort women"; the Wednesday Demonstrations; the Women and War Museum; the 100 Million Signatures for the Grandmas; the butterflies. Importantly, we write this letter in support of the courageous and determined people who are behind this.

Within Canada, we continue to share your words and actions, bringing the ongoing injustice of Japanese military sexual slavery into awareness. This week in Vancouver we are sharing the 100 Million Signatures for the Grandmas throughout the community, and in Toronto we are connecting with high school students in classrooms to learn about the atrocities of the Asia-Pacific War and what is happening today. We dream that one day every single young person will know about this history, and that this knowledge will be the foundation for justice and ultimately, for peace. As one student wrote after hearing a survivor of military sexual slavery speak: "the flower that is attached to a chain represents the justice not yet given." Thank you for keeping that flower alive.



In solidarity,

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