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Letter to the Editor re: No more big shots budget

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I see that the ruling Conservative Party of Canada is demonstrating by action, the little regard they hold for the women and children of Canada.

Their announcement of cutting funding to the Status of Women and the bizarre child care credit (\$1,200 per family) is testimony to the ignorance and willful disregard to the current needs of Canadian families as well as the overall well-being of Canadian society.

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By the way, Canada just received a failure grade in the just-released international report from the OECD (Sept. 20) for its abject failure to recognize the needs of young children and their families. Out of the 20 OECD member states in the study, Canada "languishes at the bottom in public spending" -- a mere 0.03 per cent of GDP on early learning and child care services and is the sole country without a "goal for early learning and child care." In fact, our country does not even appear in some of the report's charts because the government could not provide data.

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