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Violence Prevention Tool Kit

Hon. Lillian Eva Dyck: Honourable senators, yesterday I received a violence prevention tool kit that was launched nationally on Monday, December 10 by the President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, Beverley Jacobs, and the national youth representative Tori-Lynn Wanotch.

The tool kit is designed as an educational resource that will raise awareness across Canada of violence against women, and Aboriginals in particular. I reviewed most of the tool kit this morning, and it is an incredible resource that I highly commend to all honourable senators. I found the tool kit to be extremely informative. It covers areas such as bullying, emotional and psychological violence, sexual assault, and date and relationship violence.

Honourable senators are aware that the level of violence towards women and Aboriginals, and towards Aboriginal women in particular, is high, but this tool kit gives me cause for hope because it has incredibly up-to-date information. It has strategies for the individual on how to prevent violence in the lives of individuals and in communities.

If honourable senators have not received a copy, I suggest they request one from the Native Women's Association of Canada. There is information in the date violence section that is very up to date, including some down-to-earth tips. For example, if one is on a date, one should always carry enough money in one's pocket to be able to take a taxi home if one is in a situation where one feels uncomfortable.

Another practical tip for a woman who suspects that she has been drugged and date raped is that she must submit a urine sample within 12 hours of the alleged assault. That was new information to me.

I highly recommend the tool kit. I certainly suggest that anyone who has contact with young people request a copy from the Native Women's Association of Canada. The tool kit comes with a CD, handouts and the whole nine yards. As a former professor, I give the tool kit a grade of A-plus. I send my congratulations to the Native Women's Association of Canada and the Native Women's Association youth representative.