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As Minister of Health, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2015 National Baby-Friendly Symposium.

This gathering provides a unique opportunity for participants from across Canada to come together to move the Baby-Friendly Initiative forward. I commend you for your interest in supporting maternal and child health in Canada. I am pleased to learn the symposium offers a range of informative and challenging presentations on issues that will help to promote a supportive culture for breastfeeding.

By creating supportive environments, parents can make truly informed decisions on infant feeding so children get the best start in life and can enjoy good health over their lifetime. This is why our Government is committed to supporting and protecting maternal and child health through a variety of programs and initiatives, including those aimed specifically at promoting breastfeeding.

I wish to thank the Breastfeeding Committee for Canada for providing this forum for learning, collaboration and innovation. It is my sincere hope that you leave feeling inspired to continue to promote the health outcomes of mothers and babies here in Canada and around the globe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rona Ambrose".

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