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**SENT BY FACSIMILE**

Mr. Konrad von Finckenstein  
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Dear Mr. von Finckenstein:

**Re: Bill C-20 (Whistleblower Provisions)**

Further to our recent discussions concerning the revisions which you are suggesting be made to the whistleblower provisions of Bill C-20 to address concerns expressed by the National Competition Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (a copy of which is enclosed), I would confirm on behalf of our Section that we are prepared to support the proposed revisions. While we would prefer to have had an opportunity to be consulted in regard to this provision, and we are still not persuaded of the need for it, the proposed revisions do address a number of the concerns we originally expressed in regard. On balance, our preference is to have Bill C-20 come into effect (including the whistleblower provision as proposed to be revised) rather than to have it not proceed at all or be significantly further delayed, given that there are a number of needed changes that will be brought about by Bill C-20 which we support.

Please feel free to provide copies of this letter to whomever you consider may be appropriate in order to expedite the legislative process in this regard.

Yours very truly,

Jo'Anne Streckf  
Chair, National Competition Law Section  
Canadian Bar Association

c.c. Don Mercer, Permanent Amendments Unit