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Ms Jennifer Stoddart  
Privacy Commissioner of Canada  
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Dear Ms Stoddart,

As Chair of the National Privacy Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, let me begin by offering our belated congratulations on your appointment as Privacy Commissioner of Canada. We are delighted that the Government selected a Commissioner with significant experience and expertise in the privacy of personal information.

The CBA Privacy Law Section is composed of a unique cross-section of private and public sector privacy law practitioners. Our members have actively participated in educating other lawyers on the new legislation and in commenting on draft privacy legislation in various jurisdictions. For example, members prepared an extensive submission on the consultation draft of the proposed Ontario privacy legislation, which, if enacted, would have become the *Privacy of Personal Information Act, 2002*. We can provide a valuable balanced perspective, based on the diverse interests we represent.

We were pleased to meet with Mr. Marleau and senior staff last October. The frank exchange of views and concerns at that meeting was beneficial to all concerned. We hope you will share that view. The dinner meeting we have planned for May 18 and the roundtable on May 19 with you and some provincial commissioners will provide an excellent opportunity to continue the dialogue with the Section.

Again, our congratulations on your appointment. We look forward to seven years (at least) of cooperation in this exciting area of law.

Yours truly,

*(original signed by Tamra L. Thomson for Priscilla Platt)*

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