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The Honourable Maxime Bernier, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Industry
5th Floor, West Tower
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Dear Minister Bernier:

I write as Chair of the Canadian Bar Association National Competition Law Section. This Section comprises some 1500 lawyers, and a number of economists, practicing in the area of competition law and policy.

We write, firstly, to commend your government for its commitment in the recent *Advantage Canada* economic plan to reviewing competition policy to ensure it provides a competitive marketplace. We also applaud your government for its commitment to promoting increased international investment.

We do not know what sort of consultation or discussion process you envision with respect to these two initiatives, but we would be pleased to meet with you at a mutually convenient time to discuss these issues, and to provide written submissions as appropriate. The specific focus of our Foreign Investment Review Committee is the implementation and enforcement of the *Investment Canada Act*. Members of this committee are active practitioners in the area of foreign investment review and can provide advice and insight based on their considerable experience.

We would be delighted if you could speak at the upcoming Fall Conference of the National Competition Law Section, which will be held October 11-12, 2007 in Gatineau, Quebec. We will follow up with your staff in that regard.

Once again, congratulations on the initiatives.

Yours very truly,

(Original signed by Tamra Thomson for James Musgrove)

James B. Musgrove
Chair
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*cc. Julie Soloway, Chair, Foreign Investment Review Committee
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