



April 5, 2007

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Industry  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower  
C.D. Howe Building  
235 Queen Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5

Dear Minister Bernier:

**Re: Comprehensive Review of Canada's Competition Policy**

I write as Chair of the National Competition Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (the CBA Section). The CBA Section, which has some 1500 members, is the leading private sector actor providing ongoing commentary with respect to Canada's competition laws and policy. The Section's Foreign Investment Review Committee focuses specifically on *Investment Canada Act* issues. Given the foregoing, the Section is extremely interested in all initiatives relating to improving Canada's competitive position, and its framework laws in that regard.

We wrote to you earlier this year, congratulating the Government on the Advantage Canada economic plan initiative relating to competition policy. We are following up to indicate a significant interest in the work of the independent panel, announced in the recent Budget, to undertake a comprehensive review of Canada's competition policies. Generally speaking, the CBA Section favours laws which will open the Canadian economy to more vigorous and effective competition in all possible sectors, to the benefit of all Canadian consumers and the efficiency of our economy. We would be very pleased to participate in the deliberations of the review panel and to appear before it as appropriate. We would also welcome an opportunity to consult with you or your officials on the establishment of the review panel and its potential membership.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter, and remain

Yours very truly,

*(Original signed by Tamra Thomson for James Musgrove)*

James Musgrove  
Chair, National Competition Law Section

cc. Michele Austin, Chief of Staff