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Garry Breitkreuz, M.P.
Chair, Standing Committee on Public
Safety and National Security
Room 685, Confederation Building
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Mr. Breitkreuz,

RE: Statutory review of the *DNA Identification Act*

The Canadian Bar Association's National Criminal Justice Section (CBA Section) appreciates being invited to participate in the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security's review of the *DNA Identification Act*. The CBA Section includes prosecutors, defence counsel and academics from every province and territory in Canada and the Act is of significant interest and concern to our membership.

While the CBA Section regrets that time does not permit us to accept your invitation, we believe that this is important legislation warranting comprehensive and careful review of its impact and operations. Should the Committee decide to extend the review beyond the two hearings currently planned, we would make every effort to participate.

Yours truly,

(Original signed by Gaylene Schellenberg for Josh Weinstein)

Josh Weinstein
Chair, National Criminal Justice Section