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Via email: NichoR@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Robert Nicholson, Q.C., P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
284 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H8

Dear Minister:

Re: Withdrawal of Bill C-30, *Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act*

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association, I am writing to express my support for the government's decision to withdraw Bill C-30.

The CBA has a long-standing commitment to the protection of individual privacy from unreasonable and unnecessary intrusions. Bill C-30 had the potential to infringe the fundamental privacy rights of Canadians. The government heard from the Canadian public and listened to those concerns. The CBA applauds this action.

We are also very encouraged by your assurance that any future version of this legislation will not require warrantless mandatory disclosure of basic subscriber information or the requirement for telecommunications service providers to build intercept capabilities within their systems.

The concurrent introduction of Bill C-55, in response to the 2012 Supreme Court ruling in *R. v. Tse* on the constitutionality of wiretapping procedures, is also a welcome initiative. The CBA Criminal Justice Section will provide its comments on this proposed legislation in the near future.

The CBA offers its support, as needed, in the development of any future legislation related to the collection and use of personal information by law enforcement officials. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance in this regard.

Yours truly,

Robert C. Brun, Q.C.