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March 3, 2020

The Honourable Douglas Downey, MPP Attorney General of Ontario McMurtry-Scott Building 720 Bay Street, 11th Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S9

Dear Minister Downey,

As you know, the CCLA is a member of FOLA, and in that regard is in receipt of a letter from FOLA addressed to you of yesterday's date, thanking you for consulting with FOLA, and raising with you concerns regarding the amended JAAC proposals.

We wished to address with you the issue raised by FOLA relating to the lack of accountability for rejecting a list provided by the JAAC. The CCLA agrees whole-heartedly with the concerns raised by FOLA on that issue, and, in fact, has raised those concerns specifically with your staff prior to the meeting with various interest groups on Thursday of last week.

We wish to reiterate that we would like to be in a position to support all of your changes to the process, as addressing successfully areas in which you find the current process deficient. Unfortunately, absent accountability measures being put in place we cannot support the changes as they relate to the Attorney General's right to reject the list provided by the JAAC concurrent with being granted access to the entire list of Recommended and Highly Recommend. We would need to voice our lack of support for these changes to our constituents in the absence of this important issue being addressed.

We hope that we can hear from you in order that the dialogue with our organization can continue.

Sincerely,

Ted Mann President