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Dear Ms. Spencer:

As you may be aware, the [Department of Justice is exploring amendments to modernize the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*](#) (“the FOIPOP Act”).

Since the last substantial update to the FOIPOP Act in 1999, many changes have occurred in the world of information access and privacy, not the least of which are technological advances and societal values with respect to both transparency and privacy.

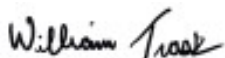
As access and privacy is covered by Part XX of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), which effectively mirrors the FOIPOP Act, amendments to the FOIPOP Act will have implications for the MGA as well.

A review of the FOIPOP Act and related legislation is now underway. A key part of the review process is capturing the experiences and challenges that municipalities have when interacting with access and privacy legislation.

We are looking forward to engaging with municipalities as the review progresses. As an initial step, we will be inviting them to complete a questionnaire in the coming days. We will copy you on the correspondence sent so that you have the materials as well.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



William Trask

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