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John Hinds,  
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Executive Director, FIPA

Dear Mr. Fildebrandt, Mr. Hinds and Mr. Gogolek,

Thank you for the opportunity to highlight the New Democratic Party of Canada's position on access to information issues.

New Democrats are committed to improve the Access to Information system through a variety of measures that include increasing the powers of the Information Commissioner, speeding up the processing time of requests, allowing for online submission and retrieval of records and obliging public officials to create records necessary to their document decisions and actions.

New Democrats will reinstate the mandatory long form census.

Sincerely,



Jack Layton  
Leader, Canada's New Democrats