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Via email: ange.holmes@ryerson.ca

Dear Angie Holmes,

Thank you for writing to the Liberal Party of Canada regarding this matter.

The Access to Information Act is an important piece of legislation providing the right for Canadians to access information under the control of the federal government. In recognition of the importance of this Act, the Liberal government led and passed Bill C-58 in 2019. This new legislation brought forward significant amendments to the Access to Information Act. For example, it added new requirements for proactive publication, increased accessibility to information by removing certain fees, and provided the Information Commissioner with greater power including the right to order the release of government records.

The Liberal government also committed to a full review of the access to information process which is currently underway. Public consultations for the review were completed on August 15th, 2021, and will be followed by a "What We Heard" report this fall. A Final Report with Recommendations will be submitted no later than January 31st, 2022 to the President of the Treasury Board of Canada. A re-elected Liberal government will ensure this report is brought forward and responded to in a timely manner by the government. We will ensure that within this response Indigenous access to information is appropriately considered. We will continue to work with Indigenous partners to ensure there is timely access to government records.

On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

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