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Dear Ms. Ralph:

Re: Introduction and essential modernization of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Privacy Review Officer Act*

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 25 and May 28, 2021 introducing yourself and sharing the views of the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner on the need to modernize access to information and privacy protection in Nova Scotia.

As you have noted, in my mandate letter to Minister Delorey I have directed him to create an advisory committee to conduct a review of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP)* and its related legislation, the *Municipal Government Act*, the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, and the *Privacy Review Officer Act*. This will be a critical first step towards modernization of this legislation.

As this work progresses, the Department of Justice will seek input from your Office when appropriate. In the interim, please continue to send Ministers Delorey and Maguire any information of which they should be aware.

Sincerely,

Honourable Iain Rankin, M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia

c: Honourable Randy Delorey, Department of Justice
Honourable Brendan Maguire, Department of Municipal Affairs
Deputy Minister Candace Thomas Q.C., Department of Justice
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