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RE: Reply to Letter of August 5 2014 on Constitutionality of Disclosure Provisions of C-31

Dear Minister Findlay,

Thank you for your letter in response to my question about the constitutionality of the disclosure provisions of tax information under Bill C-31. I must say I was surprised that, instead of responding to the issue, you engaged in partisan slugging. I would like to remind you that the question of whether Clause 28.3 of Bill C-31 is Charter compliant was raised by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. I hope you are not suggesting that the office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada is defending the rights of criminals and child pornographers over the rights of victims.

As a Minister of the Crown you have an obligation to uphold the Constitutional rights of Canadians. The issue of the infringement of the privacy rights of Canadians is a serious matter, particularly in light of numerous recent attempts by your government to circumvent the clear obligations to balance the right to privacy with the obligation to protect the public interest. This matter is even more prescient in light of the Supreme Court's Spencer ruling.

If laws are brought forward that are not Charter compliant they will inevitably be struck down thus undermining the credibility of Canada's Parliament. So I ask again: **can your office provide the legal opinion that made you decide that Clause 28.3 of Bill C-31 is Charter compliant? Will you answer the concerns of the Privacy Commissioner in this matter?**

I am awaiting a response that properly suits the matter at hand.

Sincerely,

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