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June 22, 2023

Dear Mayor Awa,

RE: City of Iqaluit's Clare's Law Motion

Thank you for your letter dated May 30th, 2023, with respect to the City of Iqaluit's City Council Motion about Clare's Law.

The Department of Justice is committed to addressing risks of intimate partner violence and to protect victims, or potential victims, in Nunavut, including exploring potential legislative changes. This requires consultation and careful analysis to ensure that a proposed measure will be effective in addressing the problem for Nunavummiut and our communities.

The department has been closely monitoring the implementation of Clare's Law in other jurisdictions and included the issue in its recent consultations on the *Family Abuse Intervention Act* as part of a broader family abuse legislative review. The department is continuing to analyze the feedback and research within the context of this larger review.

Currently, in Nunavut, the disclosure of information on an individuals' history of offending is at the discretion of the RCMP. The federal *Privacy Act* currently limits the RCMP from providing such disclosure to third parties. Nunavut legislation cannot take paramouncy over federal legislation like the *Privacy Act*. However, the RCMP at a national level have recently communicated support for Clare's Law and that they are looking into potential changes to federal laws that would authorize them to disclose an offender's criminal history of intimate partner violence.

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The Department of Justice will monitor the progress of any changes to federal legislation and we will engage with the RCMP "V" Division and its national leadership about federal developments on this issue. As well we will continue to assess the measure as a potential tool to help reduce the risk of intimate partner and family violence in Nunavut.

Sincerely,



Hon. David Akeeagok
Minister of Justice

cc Stephen Mansell, Deputy Minister of Justice
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