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Mr. Louis Sebert
The Honourable Minister of Justice
Government of the Northwest Territories
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Dear Minister Sebert,

Re: Welcome from the Canadian Bar Association

On behalf of the Northwest Territories Branch of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), I am writing to extend my congratulations on your appointment to this important portfolio and to introduce myself as President of the Northwest Territories Branch of the CBA.

The CBA wishes to foster a strong and fruitful relationship with the Minister of Justice. We are hopeful that over your term, we can work with you and your officials in order to convey the perspective of the legal profession on issues of mutual interest.

By way of background, the CBA is a professional, voluntary organization representing more than 36,000 lawyers, judges, notaries, law professors and law students from all over Canada, that practice in all areas of law. The CBA promotes fair justice systems and effective law reform.

The Minister of Justice and the CBA share a number of fundamental values that direct our respective work in this regard: a commitment to the rule of law; a commitment to access to justice; and an understanding of the need to uphold the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession.

The CBA can offer the unique perspective of a network of lawyers with expertise on how the law touches the lives of the people of the Northwest Territories every day. Over your term as Minister of Justice, should you or your staff ever wish to seek input from the local bar, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact information below.

Yours truly,

Tricia Ralph

President, Northwest Territories CBA