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RE: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – Notice of intention to issue an Order pursuant to the Terms of Reference.

Dear Ms. Cox and Mr. Zandberg:

We write in response to your email of June 18, 2019, regarding the Commissioners' Notice of Intention to issue an Order pursuant to the Terms of Reference of the National Inquiry.

In our view, the deadline provided was too short to allow us the opportunity to consult with our Indigenous partners, or to conduct thorough policy and legal assessments of the Order. As such, we require more time to allow for these assessments before we can respond.

We are of the view the Commission should ensure the confidentiality of involved individuals is respected, and that no person is adversely affected or re-traumatized by any process of archiving or distribution of the information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mercer, QC

Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General