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Mr. Anthony Housefather, M.P.
Chair, Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Housefather:

I am writing to follow up on your invitation to appear before the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. I am anxious to appear at the first available time. However, I believe that in advance of my appearance, the Members of the Committee and I should have as much clarity as we can in relation to the possible constraints on the matters about which I may properly testify. Those possible constraints include solicitor-client privilege, Cabinet confidence, and the Parliamentary convention relating to matters before the courts, the so-called "sub judice" convention. As you know, I have taken legal advice concerning these matters.

The government can waive solicitor-client privilege and Cabinet confidence. I cannot. As to the *sub judice* convention, I believe that it would be useful for the Committee to have before it an authoritative statement of the scope of that convention before I testify.

I would prefer not to schedule my appearance before the Committee until we all have whatever clarity we can have about these issues. Once we have that clarity, I will be pleased to appear before the Committee at the first available opportunity.

When I appear, I request the opportunity to make an extended opening statement of approximately 30 minutes during which I propose to give the Committee my best recollection of all the relevant communications about which I may properly testify. I will remain before the Committee to answer questions for as long as the Committee wishes.

I trust that this is satisfactory and of course would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Respectfully,

Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Member of Parliament for Vancouver Granville

cc: Mr. Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights