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The Honourable Raynell Andreychuk, Senator
Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on
Foreign Affairs and International Trade
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0A4

Dear Senator Andreychuk:

With respect to my appearance before the Senate committee on June 14th 2017, I am pleased to respond to Senator Ataullahjan's two questions, which I committed to answer at a later date.

The Executive Order referenced in the question posed by Senator Ataullahjan was issued by President Donald Trump on March 6, 2017. Since that date, the Canadian Citizen Services Contact Centre (which is responsible for receiving consular inquiries from Canadian citizens in the United States) has received in excess of 17,000 routine inquiries. Of these, only eight were related to transboundary issues with the United States. Please note that a "transboundary issue" could relate to any transboundary issue that a Canadian citizen may have, such as an issue with a NEXUS card, or be associated with another service such as a child welfare issue. Accordingly, we cannot conclude that any of these eight inquiries was related to the Executive Order. Please note that the contact centre does not record any identifying information (such as name, date of birth, gender, telephone number, email address, religion) of people making inquiries. Therefore, we cannot answer the question with respect to Muslim Canadians specifically.

With respect to the question about Canadians being refused entry into the United States, the Government of Canada does not produce statistics regarding this. For that reason, we are unable to answer the question regarding a possible change in numbers of Canadians being turned away at the border.

If there are other questions on these issues with which we can assist you, I would be happy to have my staff follow up.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David MacNaughton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David MacNaughton
Ambassador