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Shaila Anwar Committee Clerk The Senate of Canada Ottawa, ON K1A 0A4

Dear Ms. Anwar:

Thank you for your invitation of December 22, 2011, to appear before the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. While I appreciate the invitation, the Government of Alberta does not normally appear before Committees of the House of Commons or Senate, but rather engages in direct government to government relations. However, given the importance of many of the issues contained in Bill C-10, we have made both written and oral submissions to Parliamentary Committees in support of earlier measures now contained in C-10. These include written submissions to this Committee on Bill C-15, (40th Parliament, Second Session) and testimony and written submissions before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs in relation to C-4 (40th Parliament, Third Session). We are satisfied that the concerns articulated in these previous submissions are fully addressed in Bill C-10.

Accordingly, Alberta Justice respectfully declines to make further representations as part of your deliberations on Bill C-10.

Yours truly,

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