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The Honourable David Eby, Q.C.
Attorney General of British Columbia
Room 232, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia

Dear Attorney General Eby:

Thank you for taking the time today to discuss with me the work of the Cullen Inquiry and its anticipated public report. In follow-up to our call, I am pleased to share with you further details on the RCMP Integrated Money Laundering Investigative Teams (IMLITs).

The RCMP will receive funding of \$98M over five years (2020-21 to 2024-25) to modernize its investigative capabilities, in order to better address the most serious threats to the safety of Canadians. This includes the creation of new IMLITs in four Provinces, including British Columbia, which will allow the RCMP to keep pace with the current investigative volume, and to swiftly and effectively respond to future money-laundering threats.

IMLITs are specialized units dedicated to the investigation of money laundering and the proceeds of crime and would include the RCMP (regular members and public servants), Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), Forensic Accounting Management Group (FAMG), and a Public Prosecution Service of Canada advisory Crown Council. They are a response to many findings and recommendations contained in the German Reports and the FINA Report (*Confronting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing: Moving Canada Forward*), to establish investigative units that integrate key members of Canada's AML/ATF Regime. This approach will also permit the leveraging of external partners, on a case-by-case basis, to integrate and support money laundering and financial crimes investigations.

The RCMP anticipates that all IMLIT positions will be staffed by March 2021. Of interest, there are currently five new positions that have been created to support this important work in British Columbia, which are at various stages of staffing. Two of these positions will be assigned to the Counter Illicit

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Finance initiative, while the remaining three will work within the Federal Policing Money Laundering teams.

I trust you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to follow up with my office if you have questions or require further information.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me and share your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Blair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." and the last name "Blair" clearly distinguishable.

The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., C.O.M., M.P.