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Dear Ms. Leson:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of June 24, 2020, addressed to the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP's) current barriers to full participation in the implementation of Saskatchewan's *Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol Act* (Clare's Law).

The RCMP is entirely supportive of the Clare's Law initiative in Saskatchewan and has been involved with its planning since its inception. As you may be aware, there are other Clare's Law-style pieces of provincial and territorial legislation and authorities in various stages of review and approval, and the RCMP is similarly involved with those processes.

As you note, the RCMP is bound by federal privacy legislation restricting the release of private information. The RCMP is continuing to look into the matter and considering how it can best support the objectives of Clare's Law within its obligations under the *Privacy Act* and other federal laws. Consultations with the Department of Justice on how to meet RCMP obligations under both provincial Clare's Law-style legislation and federal privacy laws are ongoing.

While these consultations continue, the RCMP remains committed to helping individuals with concerns about domestic violence through existing processes. Please rest assured that the RCMP will continue providing the professional and dedicated policing services Canadians expect and will use all available means to protect those in the communities it serves.

Thank you for taking the time to write on this important issue.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Blucki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brenda Lucki
Commissioner