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Dear Mr. Addy:

I have the honour of presenting to you the Report of the Consultative Panel on amendments to the *Competition Act* in the areas which were referred to us. We hope that our observations and recommendations will be of assistance to you in formulating the recommendations which you, in turn, will be submitting to the Minister for legislative amendments.

The Panel received considerable assistance in its task from the officers and staff of the Bureau, primarily through the coordination of Ms. Marcie Girouard. Many others from the Bureau provided valuable insights through the benefit of their experiences, background information and studies as well as assistance in formulating alternative approaches to the problems which were identified. The Panel is grateful for their contribution.

As Chairperson, I admired the expertise, sense of public responsibility and personal sacrifice which the Panel members devoted to this project. They were diligent in attending meetings, often on weekends, in spite of other, heavy professional demands on their time. Although acting in their personal capacities, members drew from their own backgrounds to enrich the discussions. Everyone strived to achieve a consensus Report and, while each part of the Report does not necessarily reflect the views of any particular member, each part does reflect the views of a majority. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with all of them in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Ratushny', written in a cursive style.

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