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Mr. Michael Karanicolas
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Dear Mr. Karanicolas:

RE: Three Promises for Transparency in Nova Scotia

Thank you for contacting our office and providing me with the opportunity to respond.

Liberals are committed to transparency and access to information. A Liberal government will commit to ensuring that the right to access to information is upheld. We look forward to working with the Centre of Law and Democracy to improve access to information in Nova Scotia.

1. **If elected Premier, I will expand the powers and mandate of the Review Officer, particularly through granting her order-making power.**

2. **If elected Premier, I will impose a binding timeline of 30 days, extendable once by a maximum of 30 days, for responding to access to information requests.**

3. **If elected Premier, in our dealings with government lawyers, my government will only claim solicitor-client privilege in cases where confidentiality is necessary to protect an impending court case or negotiation.**

Sincerely,

Stephen McNeil

Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.
Leader, Nova Scotia Liberal Party