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Commissioner Cavoukian Issues Open Letter on the Privacy Implications of Federal Government's Expansive Surveillance Proposal

TORONTO – Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner, today issued an open letter warning the federal government of the serious implications of proposed "lawful access" legislation. The letter is addressed to Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Rob Nicholson.

"The proposed powers must not come at the expense of the necessary privacy safeguards guaranteed under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*," says Commissioner Cavoukian in the letter.

The letter is publicly available on the Commissioner's web site <u>here</u>

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