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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

April 27, 2021

The Honourable Lisa Thompson  
Minister  
Ministry of Government and Consumer Services  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M5B 2H7

Dear Minister Thompson:

**RE: Data Integration Data Standards**

We were very pleased to receive the final Data Integration Data Standards on April 19, 2021. This represents the culmination of considerable effort by your ministry, including the helpful engagement of the data integration units themselves. My congratulations on completing this challenging and important work.

This initiative also demonstrates the benefits of close collaboration between my office and that of John Roberts' office. I want to note the efforts of the Enterprise Recordkeeping, Access and Privacy Branch under Adam Mazer and, in particular, the Access and Privacy Strategy and Policy Unit. I understand that they made themselves available to my staff for repeated and lengthy conversations about the Data Standards and worked closely with them to identify and address critical issues.

We are pleased to hear that your ministry envisions an iterative approach to the management of the Data Integration Data Standards. We also see the need to ensure they remain current and adapt to evolving circumstances.

Part III.1 defines the Data Standards as those approved by the Commissioner under subsection 49.14(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Pursuant to that subsection, my office has now completed its review of the final Data Standards.

Based on this review, effective April 27, 2021, I hereby advise that the *Ontario Public Service Data Integration Data Standards* are approved by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

We look forward to continuing our engagement with your ministry to ensure that data integration across the OPS is appropriately and effectively managed.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kosseim  
Commissioner

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