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May 29, 2012

Standing Committee on Finance
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Attention: Chantal Gilliland

Dear Madam:

Re: Private Member's Bill C-377

I write in my capacity as the president of the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers / Association canadienne des avocats du mouvement syndical ("CALL-ACAMS"). Our organization is an association of over 400 union side labour lawyers who represent unions and workers throughout Canada. Our members represent unions both in the federal and provincial jurisdictions and in most, if not all, economic sectors including the public sector, industrial, commercial, construction and transportation.

A reading of Private Members Bill C-377 causes the association considerable concern, especially in relation to the issues of privacy and most importantly, to the lawyer and her or his client, the issue of solicitor client privilege and confidentiality. We submit solicitor client privilege and confidentiality are cornerstones of the Canadian judicial system. They are essential to maintaining the rule of law and must be maintained and fostered.

We believe we can assist the committee in its deliberations by bringing the unique perspective of the legal practitioners who provide legal services to those who will be directly impacted by the Bill if passed by parliament.

The association intends to file a brief with the committee and respectfully requests permission for myself or an alternate from the association to appear before the committee.

Chantal Gilliland
May 29, 2012

Please advise once you know the dates the committee will sit and advise if CALL-ACAMS will be placed on the roster to be heard by the committee.

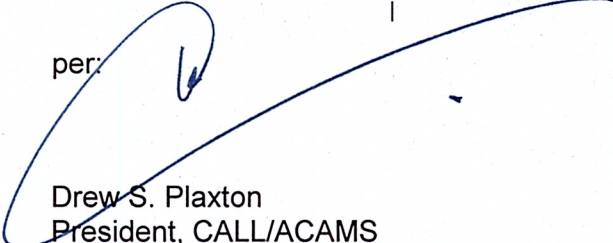
My contact information is as noted above. Should you or the committee require any further information, please advise.

Please confirm you have received this communication. I look forward to your advice concerning being permitted to appear.

Yours truly,

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