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Mr. John Williamson, M.P. Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts House of Commons Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Williamson:

Pursuant to Standing Order 109 of the House of Commons, I am pleased to respond to the Twenty-Second Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, entitled 2022 Reports 9 and 10 of the Auditor General of Canada, tabled in the House of Commons on December 14, 2022. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the report.

As the Minister of National Revenue, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to express support for the excellent work conducted by the Office of the Auditor General. As an Officer of Parliament, the Auditor General, and by extension the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) serves Parliament by providing it with objective, fact-based information and expert advice on government programs and activities. The OAG performs this function in a manner which continually demonstrates its independence and integrity. The objective and detailed reports produced by the OAG are an essential tool used by Parliamentarians to help them review and oversee government activities and to hold the federal government to account for its handling of public funds.

Therefore, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to express the Government's support of the Twenty-second Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and to reaffirm the Government's full confidence in the independence and integrity of the Auditor General of Canada, and by extension, the OAG.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier

