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Subject: RE: Bill No. 50

Dear Tracy:

It will not be possible for me to make a representation in support of Bill No. 50 at Law Amendments this morning. I would have liked to have done so, but the short notice is not workable for me.

If it is possible for you to make a representation on behalf of the Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia, please submit the following:

The Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia fully supports Bill No. 50, "An Act to Amend Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2005, the Correctional Services Act, and Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2004, the Police Act."

Uniform training programs and guidelines for correctional services employees and police officers who work with individuals who have or develop schizophrenia, as well as other mental disabilities such as psychosis and bipolar disorder, are extremely important public health and safety requirements. Some of these individuals have special needs with respect to their illnesses and medical interventions are required under certain circumstances. Uniform training programs and guidelines for correctional services employees and police officers would ensure that the required medical interventions were timely, and effective.

Sincerely,

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From: Tracy Preeper [mailto:PREEPETK@gov.ns.ca]
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Bill #50
Correctional Services Act (amended) and Police Act (amended)

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE
BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

PAGE 1, Clause 1 - delete and substitute the following Clause:

1 Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2005, the *Correctional Services Act*, is amended by adding immediately after Section 16 the following Section:

16A The Minister shall approve and implement uniform training programs and guidelines for employees who work with individuals with mental disabilities.

PAGE 1, Clause 2

- (a) **line 2** - delete "subsections" and substitute "subsection";
- (b) **proposed subsection (1A), lines 1 and 2** - delete "Subject to subsection (1B), the Minister shall develop and implement" and substitute "The Minister shall approve"; and
- (c) **proposed subsection (1B)** - delete.

Submission to Law Amendments

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