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Mr. Andrew Sorfleet  
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Dear Mr. Sorfleet:

Thank you for your correspondence, sent on behalf of the Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C., concerning the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights' report on the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* and the Government response to that report. Please excuse the delay in responding.

At the outset, I would like to thank your organization for submitting a brief to the Committee to inform its review of the Act. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your views on these issues.

I hope you will understand that, as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I am not able to provide legal advice to members of the public.

I recognize that individuals can become involved, and remain involved, in the sex trade under very different circumstances. For example, some are coerced into offering commercial sexual services, while others do so by choice. Our government is very concerned about the safety of all persons engaged in the sex trade, and we are committed to taking into account the interests of all impacted groups. For this reason, we continue to monitor the impact of the Act's reforms, including relevant Canadian case law and research, in addition to international research.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

The Honourable David Lametti  
(he/him)