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VIA EMAIL

December 2, 2019

The Honourable David Lametti, PC, QC, MP
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
284 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0H8

Dear Minister Lametti:

I am writing regarding an incident which occurred in 2015, involving a then member of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly, Mr. Richard Lee. This incident, which has been recently reported in the media, involved the alleged seizure and search of former MLA Lee's confidential Blackberry device while he was travelling to mainland China.

The media coverage indicates that Mr. Lee sent correspondence to Prime Minister Trudeau regarding this incident, and that he has recently received an acknowledgement of that correspondence which indicated that the matter comes within the portfolio of the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was copied on the correspondence.

As the matter is one that engages federal foreign affairs jurisdiction directly, I wanted to ensure that in my role as Attorney General of British Columbia, you are aware of my concern about these allegations. I will offer your government any assistance we are able to provide that falls within our jurisdiction with respect to this matter.

Yours truly,

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