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ATIPPA Review Committee  
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Dear Committee Members:

**Re: Independent Statutory review of ATIPP Act**

I am writing you today on behalf of the B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association (FIPA) with suggestions for your review of this important piece of legislation.

We were greatly concerned by developments in your province, particularly the passage of Bill 29, which rolled back information access rights in a number of areas. We are concerned about the diminution of information rights anywhere in this country, as bad ideas and bad policy tend to creep across provincial boundaries.

We hope that the recommendations you tender to the government of Newfoundland and Labrador will have the opposite effect, and we look forward to seeing if they meet your premier's stated desire to have one of the best ATI regimes in the world.

Rather than make detailed submissions ourselves, we would like to endorse the changes suggested by the Centre for Law and Democracy in their submission presented to you last month.

<http://www.law-democracy.org/live/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Canada.Nfld .RTI .Jul14.pdf>

We wish you success, and look forward to your recommendations.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Gogolek', is written over a horizontal line.

Vincent Gogolek  
Executive Director