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Dear: Ms. Collier:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2015.

As Co-chairs of the Ministers Advisory Panel on Accessibility Legislation, we were very pleased with the responses we received both in person and on line to the discussion paper that was produced by the Minister's Advisory Panel on Accessibility. We do remember well the consultation in Amherst and the discussion we had with your colleague Ms. Baund about the needs of people with speech and language disabilities.

As you are aware the Minister announced on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 how pleased she was with the report and asked Joe and I to continue on as project sponsors as we now draft the legislation to be passed in the House in the Fall of 2016.


Included in this work will be the creation of a robust education and awareness campaign to educate both the public and the disability community about what this legislation means to Nova Scotia and how we can all play a role in ensuring its successful implementation.

We are very pleased with the many suggestions you have provided to us for ways that we can ensure that the needs of people who have speech and language disabilities are included. As we move forward with this campaign and draft the legislation we will keep these points in mind. We would also be pleased if we could call upon your organization should we require further advice and guidance.



Thank you once again for taking the time to provide us with such useful information that will guide and indeed strengthen the legislation.

Sincerely,



Anne MacRae

Joe Rudderham

Co-Sponsors

Accessibility Legislation

cc. Honorable Joanne Bernard, Minister of Community Services