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Dear Ms. Collier:

Thank you for your letter and feedback on the Action Plan for Access. Inclusion. Equality. - A Provincial Strategy for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Newfoundland and Labrador. I appreciate your positive appraisal as well as your thoughts on how we can more finely articulate the inclusion of persons with speech and language disabilities.

As Minister Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities, I am keenly aware that disability takes on many perspectives. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is fully committed to removing and eliminating barriers experienced through any type of disability; I can assure this is inclusive of communication disabilities.

Your thoughtful suggestions are received with appreciation and are being reviewed by the Disability Policy Office. The Director of this office, Mary Reid will be in touch with you to arrange a suitable time to meet and further explore your suggestions.

Once again, thank you and I wish you every success with the endeavors of Communication Disabilities Access Canada.

Sincerely,

CLYDE JACKMAN, MHA
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Minister Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities

c. Mary Reid, Director, Disability Policy Office