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To the Barrier Free Canada Steering Committee,

On behalf of the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA), I am pleased to express our support of Barrier Free Canada and their efforts to promote the Canadians with Disabilities Act and the need to enact strong and effective disability legislation across Canada.

CELA is a national not-for-profit organization that works to remove barriers by providing Canadians with print disabilities access to reading materials and media in the accessible format of their choice, including audio, braille, e-text and described video. We partner with public libraries across the country to serve those with low vision, learning disabilities or physical conditions which make accessing traditional print and media challenging.

All persons with disabilities in Canada deserve the equal opportunity to fully and meaningfully participate in all aspects of life. We at CELA believe deeply in the need to provide equitable access to information and literature as a means to ensure all Canadians can fully engage in our culture and our collective public conversations. We look forward to the day when strong and effective legislation eliminates the barriers faced by Canadians with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Michael Ciccone
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