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April 20, 2015

Ms. Valoree McKay
Canadian Library Association
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Dear Ms. McKay,

RE: Bill C-51

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 2015 with enclosure.

I intend to support Bill C-51 but I endeavour to probe legislation and make constructive suggestions through Parliamentary caucus processes. For that reason, I hope to closely review the specific provisions referred to in your enclosure.

A cursory review prompts the following questions, answers to which would be helpful:

1. I was unaware of any role for libraries in safeguarding privacy of citizens generally. If that is your position, would you mind elaborating on the rationale? I confess it doesn't seem obvious.
2. Can you also elaborate on what core principles of democracy require that one branch of Government not share information with another branch of Government? I well understand that expectations at time of disclosure deserve deference, but that principle does not rise to the level of a core principle of democracy. It would help to know what else you perceive to be involved.
3. Do you have any suggestions as to the narrower or clearer definitions regarding provisions impacting freedom of expression you would like to see, or are you simply promoting those offered by the Opposition?
4. What parameters, in terms of hours of debate, or numbers of witnesses, do you propose as reasonable in the circumstances to this Bill? In determining that recommendation to me, I would

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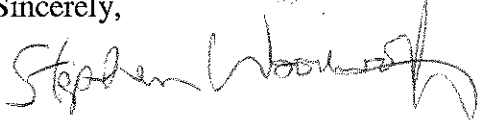
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ask you to weigh and balance the urgency of the object of the Bill which the possibility of avoiding duplicative submissions.

I thank you for your willingness to engage in dialogue on these important public policy issues and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Woodworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Stephen Woodworth
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