



April 27, 2016

The Hon. Scott Brison  
President of the Treasury Board  
90 Elgin Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R5

Dear Minister Brison,

I am writing on behalf of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, the Canadian Association of Journalists, Newspapers Canada, Fédération Professionnelle des Journalistes du Québec and the Centre for Free Expression to follow up on our February 17, 2016 letter to your office regarding access to information reform.

The letter expressed our desire, as organizations with expertise in access to information, to meet with you to discuss the elements essential to effective ATI reform. We are encouraged by your commitment to engaging with civil society to shape the Action Plan on Open Government 2016–18, and we believe our organizations can help. After many years of neglect, Canada's access to information system is in crisis. As you have rightly said, our country deserves a more open and more accountable government, and updating the Access to Information Act is a vital part of that initiative.

We would like to reiterate our request to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss specific ideas about how to reform Canada's access to information system. We will follow up with your office in the coming days to explore dates that would be possible for you to meet with us, and look forward to working together to explore ways we can make access to information reform a reality.

Sincerely,

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