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**VIA EMAIL (fcsp@gov.bc.ca)**

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**RE: Endorsement of the STEP Canada's Response to the "Land Owner Transparency Act White Paper - June 2018"**

The Canadian Bar Association ("CBA") is recognized as the national and international voice of Canadian lawyers on matters of law and justice, and the advocate for the interests of its members and the legal profession.

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The CBABC Wills & Trusts Subsection of Vancouver is comprised of BC lawyers who are concerned with all aspects of succession law and practice including wills, probate and administration, testamentary and *inter vivos* trusts, mental competency as it relates to succession, estate planning and adult guardianship, and necessary ancillary areas such as the *Income Tax Act* and the *Land Title Act*.

As the current Chair of the CBABC Wills & Trusts Subsection of Vancouver (the "Subsection"), I wish to advise the Government of the Subsection's full endorsement of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (Canada)'s ("STEP Canada") submissions to you, dated August 17, 2018, and enclosed here for your ease of reference. This endorsement reflects the views of members of the Subsection only and do not necessarily reflect the views of the CBABC as a whole.

Should you wish to discuss our endorsement of STEP Canada's submissions, please reach out to me ([sabley@harpergrey.com](mailto:sabley@harpergrey.com)) and our Vice-Chair, Lauren Blake ([LBlake@legacylawyers.ca](mailto:LBlake@legacylawyers.ca)). You may also reach out to Stuart Rennie, the CBA BC Legislation & Law Reform Officer ([srennie@cbabc.org](mailto:srennie@cbabc.org)) and he will pass your comments on to the Subsection's Executives.

Sincerely,

Sandra M. Abley, Chair  
CBABC Wills & Trusts Subsection of Vancouver

*Enclosure*