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Dear Mr. Fildebrandt:

We are writing to provide our response to the Committee's enquiry at Public Accounts Committee, October 20th. At PA-31, Dr. Turner asked:

"This is to the Auditor General. I'd be interested in knowing more about the qualifications of the two specialists that you enlisted to help with this audit. This is on page 73."

Our Office engaged two consultants as subject matter experts in connection with our audit of Flood Mitigation Systems:

- **Paul Kovacs**, Adjunct Research Professor of Economics, Western University in London, Ontario. Dr. Kovacs is also the founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction. The Institute specializes in hydrology, wind and seismic engineering, risk perception, economics, geography, public policy and a number of other disciplines. For more than thirty-five years Dr. Kovacs has been a popular commentator on insurance, disaster safety and economic policy. He has written more than 200 publications and articles and has been a contributing author to numerous international and Canadian reports on reducing the risk of loss from earthquakes, flood and severe wind. He contributed to the report *"Best practices for reducing the risk of future damage to homes from riverine and urban flooding - A report on recovery and rebuilding in southern Alberta."*
- **Kerr Wood Liedal (KWL)**, a professional consulting engineering firm that has been providing consulting engineering services in municipal infrastructure and resource management since 1975. KWL's engineering services include flood hazard assessment and response, computer hydraulic modelling, master planning and feasibility studies. KWL provided our Office with 2 engineers who possessed a broad range of experience in river engineering, hydrology, flood erosion planning and protection, and flood modelling and hazard management.

Please let us know if you would like any further information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mary Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

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