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Commissioner Chris D. Lewis, Ontario Provincial Police Lincoln M. Alexander Building 777 Memorial Avenue Orillia, ON L3V 7V3

Dear Commissioner Lewis,

Yesterday, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPCO) confirmed senior advisors in former Premier McGuinty's office and others in Ministers' Offices destroyed and/or took the sole copies of official government documents covered under the *Archives and Recordkeeping Act, 2006 (ARA)* and the Freedom of *Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*. We allege that this is part of an ongoing and orchestrated cover-up of the scandal into the cancellation of the Oakville and Mississauga gas plants.

The Legislative Standing Committee on Justice Policy is presently engaged in a formal parliamentary investigation into this scandal. We believe the documents, either in whole or in part, contain information that directly relates to the Oakville and Mississauga gas plants and are subject to a special subpoena issued by the committee called a "document production order."

In her report, *Deleting Accountability: Record Management Practices of Political Staff - A Special Investigation Report*, Dr. Ann Cavoukian found that electronic records were not only copied to "*electronic portable devices*" (USB Key Devices) but the data was then "*wiped clean*" from computers in the Office of the Premier and other offices. Aside from breaching the aforementioned Acts vis-à-vis document retention, it is clear that these individuals were involved in something much larger. The fact remains, these vital records are government and taxpayer property. Until they are returned, they should be considered stolen.

We write to you today to request that you immediately open a police investigation related to the findings by the Information and Privacy Commissioner. We ask that you consider, in particular, Section 122: Breach of Trust by a Public Officer and Section 341, Fraudulent Concealment of the Criminal Code of Canada.

We respectfully request that the OPP will investigate this latest cover-up to ensure the laws of the Province of Ontario are upheld and to deter similar behaviour from ever happening again.

Yours truly,

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