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April 14, 2023

Sherri Young
Public Service Commissioner

Dear Sherri Young:

Re: Review of Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act

In response to your letter dated March 1, 2023 and our subsequent meeting on March 29th, please find attached our comments and recommendations for changes to the *Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act* (PIDWA).

As the Yukon's Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, I have been appointed with a mandate to oversee compliance with the Act which includes independently investigating disclosures and complaints of reprisals that are received by my office. It is from this unique perspective and based on my office's experience of the past seven years, that I respectfully submit our responses to the Phase 2 discussion questions found in Section 2 of the attached PDF document. In addition, I have provided **five recommendations** that in my view would significantly strengthen the Act (Section 1).

In addition, I have attached a spreadsheet that provides our comprehensive provision by provision review of the Act with our comments. This analysis reflects our perspective on broader changes to the Act that the government may want to consider and are informed by the collective experience of my counterparts across the country.

I remain open to further discussing or clarifying any of the comments within. I thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback.

Kind regards,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Jason Pedlar, BA, MA
Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

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PIDWA 2022_2023 Statutory Review Comments from PIDC

