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Dear Participant:

I am pleased to welcome you today to the fourth annual Braiding Diversity into Justice event. Each year, participants have walked away with a better understanding of what a career in law can look like and feeling more inspired to pursue it. I am confident that this year's event will reflect the same enthusiasm and inspiration as past events.

Every path towards a career in law is unique and the Braiding Diversity into Justice Initiative will allow you to connect with and hear directly from the women who work to support the justice system in a variety of different roles. They each have their own personal stories to share with you about the path that brought them to their current role and why they chose it. Perhaps their stories will inspire your own and motivate you to pursue a career in the legal domain.

Our justice system must reflect the richness of Canadian society and it is imperative that people see themselves represented in the bodies and institutions that serve them. That is why we must increase diversity both on the bench and throughout the justice system. The Braiding Diversity into Justice Initiative plays an important role in the effort to ensure our justice system is informed by a broad array of perspectives and lived experiences. This will allow us to offer better information, services, and decisions to ensure everyone has access to a fair and equal justice system.

This day would not have been possible without the collective dedication of the organizers. I applaud the many individuals who have generously pooled their time, efforts, and experience to make this special event possible. I would also like to congratulate each of you for participating today. As students, you have the opportunity to inform and shape tomorrow's society, including its justice system.

I wish you a day filled with learning and inspiration.

The Honourable David Lametti, (he, him)

