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The Honourable Evan Solomon, M.P.
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
C.D. Howe Building
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5, Canada,

RE: Advancing Artificial Intelligence Safeguards

Dear Minister Solomon:

On behalf of The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA), the international professional association representing more than 265,000 members – including more than 8,600 members in Canada – I write to extend my congratulations on your appointment as Canada’s first Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation.

Prime Minister Mark Carney’s creation of this portfolio underscores the importance of strong policy oversight in the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence (AI). The IIA supports a balanced policy approach that encourages innovation while protecting the Canadian public from potential AI-related hazards.

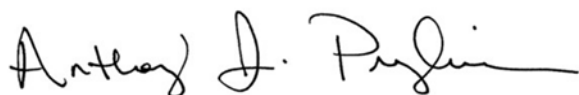
As you may know, an internal audit function – operating in conformity with The IIA’s [International Professional Practices Framework](#)® – is the entity responsible for providing an organization with objective assurance over AI risk management and internal control processes. Internal audit enhances stakeholder confidence through its independence from management and direct reporting line to the governing body (i.e. board of directors).

Internal auditors leverage their deep understanding of an entity’s operations, strategy, and risk profile to conduct AI evaluations that promote transparency, accountability, and sound governance. This private-sector approach is effective because it draws on intimate knowledge of strategic objectives and organizational culture to produce audits that deliver actionable insights to decision-makers.

As the Government considers safeguards for the responsible use and deployment of AI systems, The IIA stands ready to contribute its expertise in advancing transparency, accountability, and effective oversight.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Singh, Director of Advocacy (Canada) at Ryan.Singh@TheIIA.org.

Sincerely,



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