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Joseph Hickey, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Hickey:

Thank you for copying me on your letter to the Attorney General, the Hon. John Gerretsen, regarding Bill 83, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2013. I appreciate the added detail you provided on behalf of the Ontario Civil Liberties Association.

You note that the OCA's position is that defamation law in Ontario needs to be transformed or abolished, and not legitimized by anti-SLAPP legislation. In addition, the OCA's position is that immediate safeguards are needed regarding non-party funding of plaintiffs in defamation suits.

Please be assured that your comments will be kept in mind as Bill 83 is further discussed in the Ontario Legislature and among my colleagues in our PC Official Opposition Caucus.

Yours sincerely,  
John, thank you for keeping me informed.

John R. O'Toole, MPP  
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