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RE: Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation

Dear Minister Freeland, Minister LeBlanc, and Minister Anand,

As a member of Halifax Regional Council, I am writing in support of the funding request for the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation (CAAF).

This letter reiterates my support for the unanimous motion at the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee Meeting in 2022 and is in support of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts Committee recent motion to support funding to CAAF. Our community values the research and capacity development work that CAAF has done.

The work of CAAF enables elected officials to improve the accountability for government spending, and in turn ensure public money is spent in the most effective way. Their work assists me to do my job better ensuring accountability of public funds.

Most elected officials have not worked with performance or financial audits prior to their time on Council. The work of CAAF ensures that the cost savings identified in audits can be realized.

I look forward to your government's support to increase audit and accountability in how public funds are managed.

CAAF will use these funds to support the following indispensable programs for the community:

- Sustain our workshops to oversight committees across Canada;
- Increase the support we provide to committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and support staff;
- Provide workshops to all provincial and territorial oversight committees annually;
- Expand our work to include municipalities and indigenous communities;
- Increase the number of capacity development tools and publications we produce;
- Respond to requests to support the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees.

Sincerely,

Pam Lovelace
Councillor, Halifax Regional Municipality