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Dear Mr. Dhaliwal and Mr. Azam:

**Re: The Law Courts Inn (Vancouver Courthouse)**

I write to express my opposition to your current intentions to take over the space currently used by the Law Courts Inn (“LCI”) at the Vancouver Courthouse. I do so as a member of the B.C. bar, a former executive of the LCI and as a member of the public. I will keep my remarks short but fully endorse the comments of the current LCI President, Mr. Howden-Duke, in his letter of June 25, 2020 to both of you.

Your terse response that the LCI lease would not be renewed as the space was required for other undisclosed operational purposes is not acceptable. You are stewards of a unique public asset. You are obliged to be transparent and inclusive in any deliberations and decisions about potential changes in the use of that asset, particularly where the subject space has always been used by the LCI for public and legal events since the construction of the courthouse over 40 years ago. The decision you have made is wrong and short-sighted. It will lead to the irreparable loss of a unique asset available for the benefit of all. You should reconsider this matter and extend the LCI lease.

Yours very truly,

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