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Dear Mr. Paliare:

This letter is in response to your letter of request with reference to the Inquiry Committee regarding my good friend Justice Paul Cosgrove.

I have known Paul for some 40+ years, together with members of his family. We worked closely together in years past on various political activities at all three levels of government, federal, provincial, and municipal. I was honoured to have been asked to serve as Campaign Manager for his municipal campaign for the office of Mayor of Scarborough, at the time an independent municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. Our families met on numerous occasions and our older children undertook numerous "babysitting" assignments at the Cosgrove home.

Our political involvement from time to time brought us both into some rather intense debates with senior Liberal party organizers at the Metropolitan Toronto level. I always respected Paul's intense but very well developed arguments with these senior officials where they involved issues that we both felt were extremely important to 'grass roots' members of the Party. His presentations were always made in a clear and concise manner supported by easily understandable arguments.

As Mayor of Scarborough, Paul was extremely well respected and showed a very real concern for issues brought before him. His integrity, in my opinion, was always above reproach. Furthermore, no matter what issue was brought to his attention, it was never considered unimportant and he impressed those who approached him with the careful and competent manner in which he assessed their representations, no matter how small or large the issue involved.

Yes, Paul and I have been friends for many years – we have had some minor differences on some issues from time to time but one thing has always stood out in our relationship, and that is his integrity in dealing with any particular matter that may have been the subject of discussion and/or argument in any particular instance. His competence, in my view, was never in doubt at any time in any situation where we may both have been involved.

The above comments dealing with my relationship over the years with Paul Cosgrove are made with the utmost sincerity and truthfulness on my part.

Yours sincerely,

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