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Dear Mr. Paliare:

**Re: Request for letter regarding my views on Justice Cosgrove's
Character**

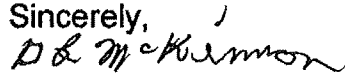
I have written this letter regarding Justice Cosgroves's character based on over fifty years of close friendship. I value this opportunity to inform the Inquiry Committee of the high regard in which I hold him.

We spent summers from 1956 through 1961 together, providing leadership to the teenagers of Marathon ON in the production of stage plays and choral performances. In our spare time, we spent hours discussing philosophy, religion, the arts, politics and justice. During this time I became increasingly impressed with Paul's ability to speak to moral/ethical issues with clear, well-reasoned responses. Eventually, it became obvious to me that all of those responses were derived from a set of core values, forming an ethics system that was consistent, honest and complete. I have never seen Paul deviate from those core values. There is no doubt in my mind that Paul's value system and his consistent application of those values are indicative of a very strong sense of integrity!

I don't think I've met anybody with a stronger sense of fairness than Paul. It too derives in large measure from his core values. Adding strength to his fairness is his commitment to our justice system and pride in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Looking back over our years together, I cannot recall a single instance of unfairness toward anyone.

I am aware that it would presumptuous of me to comment on Paul's judicial competence. However, as a layman and a long time friend, I strongly believe that Paul's ingrained integrity and fairness would result in consistent, honest and balanced decisions in the courtroom.

I hope this will be of some help to the Judicial Committee and to Paul. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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