

Hello, Good Morning Mr. Chairman, Mr. Scott and fellow Commissioners here. Thank you for having us here today.

Before I proceed, I would like to make a quick comment.

This week there will be many parties presenting and the people in the audience have the privilege to hear it all, but we can't because interpreters were not provided for the week. I feel this is not fair, and not equitable.

Now I would like to move forward and begin with an introduction of my colleagues.

On my first right is Mr. Frank Folino, President of the Canadian Association of the Deaf – Association des Sourds du Canada (CAD-ASC).

To my second right is Mr. Elliott Richman, Executive Director of Deafness Advocacy Association Nova Scotia (DAANS)

To my left is Ms. Megan McHugh, President of the Canadian National Society of Deaf-Blind (CNSDB). You can find All of our organization descriptions are in the handout.

We are pleased to be here, thank you.

Now if we can move to the Agenda, there are 4 items we will review, and in each of these 4 items we will have 3 connected sections.

Now, Mr. Richman would you like to start your portion now. Thank you.