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## **Kenova Officer in Overall Command**

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Dear Jon,

I am pleased to enclose a copy of my report, on conclusion of my review. I hope the report is self-explanatory but if there is anything that requires further explanation, please do not hesitate to ask.

If I may, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to you and your team on the work you are doing. Every person I met within Kenova was incredibly welcoming, clearly receiving my review as a positive opportunity to demonstrate transparency in their work. They should be proud of what they are doing and the high regard in which they are held by all who have dealt with them.

While I am frustrated to not be able to improve on Kenova – a lawyer never likes to admit that - I am delighted to be able to reassure you that from a human rights perspective, Kenova really is an exemplar of what such an investigation can and should be. It is the best I have seen in all of my experience. That was not, I know, achieved by chance or without enormous effort. I appreciate the continuing efforts that are required and pressures you will face but at least you can be confident that the efforts have been worth it.

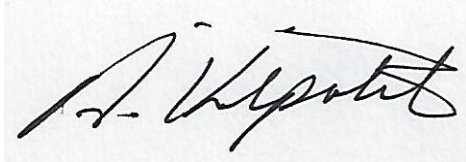
On a final note, I know the families with whom I met would want me to tell you how important your work is to them. You have restored dignity, hope, trust and comfort to a very many people who have been deprived of it for decades. It was a great privilege

and pleasure to meet every one of them. They made an impression that will stay with me.

I wish you the very best for the future of Kenova and look forward to continuing my positive relationship with you as I take on my role at the Human Rights Commission.

You will always be welcome for a visit. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance in that role.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyson', written in a cursive style.

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