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Dear Ms. McLeod:

**Re: Consultation Period for Proposed Amendments to *Vital Statistics Act* and
*Human Rights Act***

We have read with interest your letter dated March 22, 2017 asking for an extension in the consultation period. We have heard, however, from many Yukoners that we need to make changes now and not delay it any further.

Yukon is the last jurisdiction in the country to modernize its legislation. The current legislation is similar to legislation in other jurisdictions that has been found to be unconstitutional, and having legislation in our consolidated statutes that is probably unenforceable undermines the integrity of all Yukon legislation.

It is also important to our Government that we not make transgender Yukoners wait any longer for changes that they have been requesting for a number of years. As a result we will not be extending the consultation period. During the Opposition briefing on the bill, our officials will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Pauline Frost
Minister of Health and Social Services

Tracy-Anne McPhee
Attorney General
Minister of Justice

