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Dear Cleret:

I would like to thank you sincerely for inviting me to attend the Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS) Annual Conference last week.

It was, of course, important to me and I hope the CBS members to have time for the formal panel on ethics leadership at CIHR. From my point of view, the session was an honest and very helpful exchange of views. Beyond the panel discussions, let me say how much I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet many CBS members, to put faces to names, to see and hear the breadth of the excellent presentations made during the conference and to share ideas about ways to demonstrate CIHR's commitment and enhance directions to support its ethics mandate. By having the opportunity to engage in discussion and to listen to the community, I am encouraged about the future and feel that I have gained informed and invaluable perspectives.

I look forward to engaging with the Society and others in the ethics community as we continue to define and implement an appropriate direction forward. I welcome your own advice and, hopefully, will have many opportunities to meet and share ideas in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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