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Dear Mr. O'Sullivan:

Thank you for a copy of your May 30, 1999, letter to Premier Roy Romanow, and his June 30, 1999, reply received in my office on July 6, 1999, regarding the Humane Society's proposal to initiate a national dog bite awareness campaign.

As you are aware, the incidents you described in your letter are not unique to any location in Canada. Each year, dogs bite many Saskatchewan residents. The desire to educate the public on the dangers of dog bites, and techniques to avoid injury or death when confronted with a dangerous animal, is worth further review. I agree that before any national campaign is initiated, it is important to review the programs and policies that are presently available.

Ms. Betty Ann Potruff, Q.C., the Director of the Policy, Planning, and Evaluation Branch of Saskatchewan Justice may be able to provide you with assistance in your campaign. She may be contacted at:

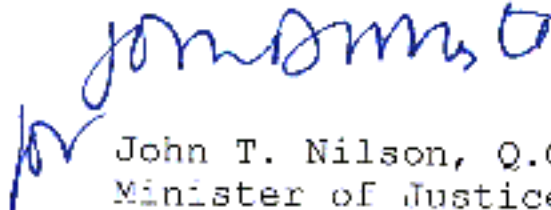
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Thank you for taking the time to advise me of these important initiatives.

Yours sincerely,


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