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To the Nova Scotia public and legal community:

I want to apologize sincerely for the impact of my conduct on witnesses, litigants, and the Indigenous community. My conduct fell below the standard the public expects from a judge, and below the standard I expect from myself. I regret that my behaviour may have negatively affected the public's perception of the administration of justice in Nova Scotia.

I am grateful to the Review Committee for acknowledging the serious personal and professional challenges I was experiencing, but those challenges do not excuse my conduct. I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on the mistakes that I made. I am also grateful to Chief Judge Perry Borden for his compassion and his support.

After taking some time off to recuperate, I returned to the Bench a year ago with a renewed sense of humility and a wider support system. I appreciate the support I have received from my family and my community support in the last 15 months. I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Nova Scotia with humility and honour.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alain Bégin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judge Alain Bégin