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Dear [Name],

Privacy and Election Policies

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the new Privacy Foundation New Zealand. The Foundation was established in May 2017 and aims to provide independent, informed and fair public comment to further the privacy interests of all New Zealanders. As you are aware, privacy issues are increasingly a matter of public concern, especially in the light of the digital environment, the frequency of data breaches and the increasing use of big data.

The Privacy Foundation's Patron is Dame Silvia Cartwright, its Chair is Marie Shroff and Deputy Chair Associate Professor Gehan Gunasekara. Please see our website privacyfoundation.nz for further information about the Foundation.

In the run up to the General Election this year, we would like to provide voters with information about the approach to privacy issues of political parties represented in Parliament. To this end we ask you to let us have your election policy positions in relation to:

- your general approach to protecting the personal information and privacy of consumers and citizens in New Zealand
- your policies on government re-use and sharing of people's private information, and whether you expect to continue the social investment approach?
- will you require NGOs to share clients' personal data with government, in particular requiring social service providers to collect individual client level data (ICLD) as has been

proposed by the current Minister for Social Investment? If so what data protection and use policies would you put in place to safeguard the privacy of those involved?

- what are your intentions on passing the proposed amendments to the Privacy Act? Will you support the passage of amendments to require mandatory notification to consumers when the privacy of their information has been breached? Will you support additional powers for the Privacy Commissioner to require a defaulting agency to improve its privacy protections?

- What measures will you take to improve the protection of people's information when they are online?

- What is your approach to oversight over and to regulating surveillance of New Zealand individuals and groups by government agencies such as SIS or GCSB?

- Please let us know of other policies or proposals you have on privacy and personal information issues (e.g. other jurisdictions are considering issues such as: regulating how internet service providers use or sell client information; providing juveniles with a "right to be forgotten" and whether to regulate retention of meta-data.)

Our intention is, once we have received this information, to post it on our website and provide commentary on party policies.

We expect to publish the results of our request to all political parties in Parliament, at least 4 weeks before the date of the election on 23 September 2017, whether or not we have received your reply.

I look forward to hearing from you, and receiving the information requested as soon as possible, or by Monday 7 August at the latest.

We will very much appreciate your assistance in helping to inform New Zealanders about the extent and nature of your policies on privacy issues.

Yours sincerely

Marie Shroff

Chair

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