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Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future
c/o Jody Rempel, Committee Clerk
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Edmonton, AB T5K 1E7

The Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA), on behalf of our members in the province of Alberta, is pleased to submit comment to the comprehensive review of the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA). The Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (herein called the "Committee") posed a number of questions throughout the Discussion Guide: The Personal Information Protection Act. ACTA appreciates the need for the Committee to ask the questions on current policies and procedures and whether gaps exist within the Act. In each case, ACTA supports the current policies and procedures under PIPA. The Guide asked for a direct response to the following question to which ACTA responded below:

11. Should PIPA provide a fee structure for access to personal information?

A. ACTA does not believe that PIPA provide a fee structure for access to personal information. The current laws allow for an organization to charge an applicant a "reasonable fee" which, in our opinion, is sufficient. Otherwise, a fee structure established by PIPA may not be reflective of the work involved for some organizations and consequently, may create additional administrative work within the government and more bureaucratic red tape.

In conclusion, ACTA appreciates the opportunity to submit our comments to the comprehensive review of PIPA. ACTA is pleased that PIPA is equivalent or greater to the privacy protection found under the federal legislation Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). Our only other recommendation would be to remain consistent with PIPEDA to avoid confusion. We would welcome providing additional information should you have any questions or concerns to the points our organization has made.

Respectfully,

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