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Via email: Diane.Lebouthillier@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, P.C., M.P.
Minister of National Revenue
National Revenue
Connaught Building, 7th Floor
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Dear Minister:

Re: Report of the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities

We are writing on behalf of the Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA Section) to express our appreciation on the release of the Report of the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. The CBA's mandate includes seeking improvements in the law and the administration of justice. The CBA Section has members across Canada practising in all areas of charities and not-for-profit law and in every size of practice, from large national firms to small and solo practitioners. We are dedicated to the evolution of a fair and efficient system reflecting principles of natural justice and Canadian interests.

Many aspects of the Political Activities Report touch on areas of interest to the CBA Section. We welcome the opportunity to participate in future discussions with the Canada Revenue Agency, and to be consulted on any initiatives on the activities of charities in Canada. We would particularly like to be involved in implementing recommendation 4 in the Report, which urges the Government to modernize the legislative framework governing the charitable sector as soon as possible, in consultation with the charitable sector.

Yours truly,

(original letter signed by Gaylene Schellenberg for C. Yvonne Chenier and Linda J. Godel)

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