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Via email: [cssb@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:cssb@sen.parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Terry M. Mercer  
Chair  
Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector  
The Senate of Canada  
Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A4

Dear Senator Mercer:

**Re: Study of Law and Policies Governing Charities, Non-profit Organizations, Foundations and Other Groups**

I am writing on behalf of the Charities and Not-for-Profit Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA Section) about the work of the Senate Special Committee on the Charitable Sector.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and law 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.

As outlined in our May 2018 letter, we support the Senate Committee's efforts to modernize the current rules governing charities and non-profit organizations. I have included links to that letter, as well as the Section's previous work on advocacy and political activity in the sector, the topic you have asked us to address:

- [Legislative Proposals concerning Political Activities of Charities](#) (2018)
- [Study of Law and Policies Governing Charities, Non-profit Organizations, Foundations and Other Groups](#) (2018)
- [Pre-Budget 2019 submission](#) (2018)
- [Report of the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities](#) (2017)
- [Political Activities for Charities](#) (2016)
- [Letter to Ministers of Finance and National Revenue](#) (2016)

We look forward to discussing our views with your Committee.

Yours truly,

*(original letter signed by Gaylene Schellenberg for Susan Manwaring)*

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