



VIA EMAIL

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Dear Bruce Williams, Bill Collette, Anita Huberman, Mary Ruth Snyder:

Thank you for your email of June 14, 2022, concerning your requested changes to the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA).

For context, the LTA is not intended to limit communication and collaboration with government. The recent amendments were intended to increase transparency around lobbying in British Columbia, based on independent recommendations from the previous and current Registrars of Lobbyists, and input from a range of stakeholders. Government's commitment with the LTA is to balance transparency and accountability, and I know from communication with you that you share these important goals.

Given that implementation of this law has resulted in your identification of some challenges to the realization of our shared goals, I have asked Ministry staff to do policy analysis to consider the impacts of the LTA on organizations and to address the important implementation concerns raised by your organizations and others. I have forwarded your suggested improvements to staff so they can be reviewed and considered as part of staff's analysis.

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For any specific requirements and to learn about support available to organizations to comply with the Act, the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists will be able to assist:

www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca

I appreciate your writing, and I look forward to working with you to ensure we are able to achieve the goals of this legislation while facilitating open communication between non-profit organizations and government.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DE' or similar initials, with a stylized flourish at the bottom.

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