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Mr. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer
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Dear Mr. Fjeldheim:

Your office is investigating 10 Progressive Conservative constituency associations for soliciting and/or receiving illegal contributions from prohibited corporations, as defined by the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

The Alberta Liberal caucus has recently uncovered a number of instances that appear to fall into the same category. We are providing your office with the information and ask that you review this material and investigate these further examples of questionable fundraising activity by the PC party and various PC constituency associations.

We also request that Elections Alberta investigate the apparently widespread practice of prohibited corporations reimbursing officials for expenses incurred by attending partisan political functions. This practice in effect “hides” the illegal contribution as the PC party attributes contributions from these prohibited corporations to the individual attending the event, rather than to the corporation itself.

While many of these illegal contributions appear to have been made more than two years ago, putting them outside the limitation guidelines for prosecution, they would certainly speak to what appears to be a systemic pattern of soliciting and collecting illegal contributions by Alberta’s governing political party. As such, they require a full and complete investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Hugh MacDonald
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