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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission for the review of the *Conflicts of Interest Act*. Travel Alberta is pleased to provide the following submission.

S. 23.923 of the act currently requires the Ethics Commissioner to review and approve all changes to a public agency's Code of Conduct, regardless of the type of change. This applies equally to substantive and non-substantive changes (e.g., if Travel Alberta wanted to rearrange sections or even change punctuation, we still require the approval of the Ethics Commissioner). Ideally, and from an efficiency standpoint, consideration may want to be given to only requiring substantive changes be reviewed and approved by the Ethics Commissioner. This would save time and provides more flexibility to agencies, especially when we are updating on our own policies and want to ensure that they mirror each other. While we appreciate that the Ethics Commissioner has usually responded to us in a reasonable time, there may be value in having the Ethics Commissioner only review substantive changes.

Thank you,  
Stefanie Jones

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### Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee

March 4, 2024

Travel Alberta

Dear David Goldstein

#### **RE: REVIEW OF THE *CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ACT* – REQUEST FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

On December 5, 2023, the Legislative Assembly passed Government Motion 10, which established the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee. The Committee has been appointed to review Alberta's *Conflicts of Interest Act* (the "Act"), pursuant to section 48 of the Act. The Committee held its first meeting on January 15, 2024, which started the review process. The Committee has up to one year to complete its review and report back to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee is seeking input from stakeholders on the Act and would like to invite your participation. All written submissions should be forwarded to the **Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, c/o Committee Clerk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 9820 – 107 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1E7**, or via email at [COIACCommittee@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:COIACCommittee@assembly.ab.ca)

The deadline for written submissions is 4:30 p.m. on **April 8, 2024**. Please note that submissions and the names of submitters may be made public. The Committee may decide to hear oral presentations at a later date. If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Committee providing additional information, please clearly indicate this in your written submission.

The Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee is an all-party committee consisting of 10 Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Committee meetings are open to the public, streamed live on the Internet, broadcast on Alberta Assembly TV, and recorded by *Alberta Hansard*. The Committee's website, with a membership list and access to meeting transcripts and the online video feed, can be found here: [Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee \(assembly.ab.ca\)](https://www.assembly.ab.ca/committees/select-special-conflicts-of-interest-act-review-committee)

Thank you for your consideration of the Committee's invitation. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee office at 780-415-2878.

Sincerely,  
Shane Getson, MLA  
Chair, Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee

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