



THE Landlord's Rental Resource

September 15, 2016

✓ The Honourable Rod Loyola, Chair
 Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship
 6th Floor, 9820 – 107 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1E7

The Honourable Todd Lewen, Co-Chair
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Alberta Lobbyists Act Review

The Alberta Residential Landlord Association ("ARLA") writes this letter in response to your invitation for comments on the scope and operation of the Lobbyists Act.

ARLA is a not-for-profit society representing landlords and service providers active in the field of residential rental properties. Our 375 members represent over 65,000 plus rental housing units in the province.

We are not-for-profit and our board of directors is a volunteer board. We have, as you must know, a sincere interest in legislation and policies affecting our members' businesses. We are not a lobby group, but need to be able to relay our views freely to government on such matters. In that regard we are not unlike many not-for-profit bodies including the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, whose submissions to government in 2011 on the above legislation we have viewed and support. Those views are still valid.

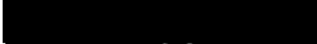
We would hope that our, like others', input on matters on which we have special knowledge would be both of benefit and interest to the government in making its decisions.

Our primary function, however, is to deal with the more daily functions of our members'; so our input on legislative and policy matters is really an incidental function. We, and other volunteers-based organizations like ours, should be encouraged to express our views, without complication.

So, we suggest that a generous exemption, both in time (100 hours minimum) exemption and in general exemption for not-for-profits, should be continued. We adapt and incorporate the Calgary Chambers' previous expressions in that regard.

Yours respectfully,

Alberta Residential Landlord Association

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 Sandy Pon, Board Chair