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PART B:

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1. Are you currently or have you previously been a registered lobbyist in Alberta?
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No

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2. In which jurisdiction(s) elsewhere in Canada, if any, are you currently (or were previously) a registered lobbyist?
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3. Feedback
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I don't think that there should be any paid lobbyists allowed in our system. Certainly, business interests, unions, community groups, NGO's AND private citizens should be consulted with respect to proposed legislation or policy changes but NOT paid lobbyists. The views of paid lobbyists are entirely one sided.

I think the whole concept of paid lobbyists should be scrapped and a new consultative process implemented whereby views are solicited from a wide range of interests.

The concept is simple but the process of creating it will be challenging due to entrenched expectations.

However, once created, democracy will be preserved and enhanced.

PART C: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REVIEW?

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