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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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None

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In my opinion, lobbyists and lobbying must be strictly controlled. The monied and powerful elite and corporations should not be able to overtly influence government actions at the expense of and to the detriment of the people of Alberta. Lobbyists and lobbying in many Western Democratic governments has effectively usurped the role of government of that of serving the majority of the population to that of benefiting the few and their vested interests. In some instances, corporations and the elite have effectively become the government, using lobbying and lobbyists as the tools to control and manipulate government outcomes. This makes a mockery of democratic governments under this level of control.

There may be valid reasons to lobby government and there may be a place for lobbying in a Democratic government to bring to the forefront policies and issues that require attention. But no lobbying or lobby groups should ever be allowed to influence government at the expense of the majority to the advantage of the rich and powerful in society. When this happens, Democracies devolve into Plutocracies.

In summary, there is a need for comprehensive and well thought out lobbying policies that create a fair and level playing field for all segments of society, not just the privileged few.

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