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

Feedback:

My feedback aligns exactly with the letter submitted by the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO), and posted online at www.calgarycvo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CCVO-Submission-on-Lobbyists-Act-Review-2016.pdf

As CCVO noted, when the Lobbyists Act Legislation was proposed in 2007, Alberta's nonprofit sector raised concerns about how it would be affected. This led to the current exemption for public benefit nonprofits. The concerns raised in 2007, and subsequently in the 2011 mandatory review, were as follows:

1. The increased administrative burden that would divert human resources in community-based organizations from the delivery of essential programs and services;
2. The "chilling" effect the legislation would have on communication with government;
3. The complexity of identifying financial supporters of lobbying activity when the mix of revenues for nonprofit organizations includes donations, membership fees and core and project funding agreements;
4. The fact that the legislation could prevent organizations from providing donor anonymity.

For all these reasons, I hope you will maintain the exemption for public benefit nonprofits.

Thank you.

How did you hear about this review: from the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO)