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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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To members of the Committee on Resource Stewardship,

I am nobody special, or important; only a citizen and voter; a proud Canadian, and an Albertan who loves this province, as I hope and assume each of you do. I confess to having grave concerns about the policies of our current government. That's allowed in a free-thinking society. Of equal concern to me is the very real sense that those who currently govern are not listening and, in fact, are refusing to listen to those they were elected to serve. Even on social media like Facebook which, as we know, all politicians use to "connect" with the voting public, and to campaign both during an election and subsequently, to persuade the people of our province of the 'rightness' of their public policies and fiscal competence.

This committee is currently concerned, I believe, with defining what constitutes lobbying. I hope and trust that you, as the Committee, would hold sacrosanct the ability of voters, citizens, to be able to communicate with our leaders, to express our opinions, to, in fact, engage in dialogue with our leaders. Not as paid lobbyists, but as individuals who's lives are touched by the same policies set by those who govern. The use of Social Media by the general public, as with Politicians, to share their thoughts and ideas, to comment and post must not and cannot, be considered lobbying. People, individuals, groups of like mind using the tools of social media to express their opinions, should be considered by governments and individual politicians as a valuable barometer of the acceptance or disapproval of their policies. The PEOPLE of the province ARE the province, and cannot be considered lobbyists. If a Canadian government at any level ever seeks to silence its citizens, or to restrict their right to speak, then we, as a country, will have entered a very dark period in our history.

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PART C: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REVIEW?

- Newspaper (Print)
- Newspaper (Online)
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other