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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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Yes

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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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With the Province of Alberta and the Government of Canada

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3. Feedback  
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Thank you for taking the time to review the Lobbyists Act in Alberta.

I serve as the Director of Government Relations for Alberta Counsel and am submitting the following recommendations on behalf of the firm. We respectfully request that the Lobbyists Act be amended to reflect the following:

- No lobbyist should be permitted to work on a contingency basis whereby the contingency is derived from government money.
- All not-for-profits with two or more staff engaging in lobby activities should be required to register and comply with the legislation.
- All Consultant Lobbyists working for clients on a pro-bono basis should be required to register and comply with the legislation.
- No lobbyists should be permitted to lobby an elected official or their staff if the lobbyist previously served in a Campaign Manager or Financial Agent capacity on the elected officials campaigns.
- All registered lobbyists should be permitted to engage in direct policy lobby on behalf of clients. This is particularly important in the case of municipalities or rural stakeholders who need government relations support 'on the ground' in the capital city, and in the case of not-for-profits and small or start up businesses who cannot afford in house government relations professionals.
- All lobbyists should be required to post meetings with elected officials on the government website within 15 days after the months end in which the meeting took place (as is the case federally).
- In house staff should be required to register if they spend 20 hours or more on lobby activities per year (as opposed to the current 100 hour/year stipulation).

PART C: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REVIEW?

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