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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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BC, MB, ON, QC, NS, City of Toronto, City of Ottawa

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3. Feedback
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback for the review of the Lobbyists Act.
Having used the Alberta lobbyist registration since its inception, I'd like to provide some constructive comments.

First of all, I would like to reinforce the importance of the practice of lobbying and advocacy. Allowing representatives to express views on public policy is a fundamental part of good governance. To that end, having in place a lobbyist registration allows for the practice to occur in a transparent and accountable manner.

Second, the 100 hour threshold for recognition of a lobbyist is an important marker to keep. Further emphasis should be given to this threshold so to prevent the discouragement of organizations who may think they have to go through the registry process in order to advocate.

Third, I appreciate the semi-annual return approach. By allowing a touch point mid-year, it allows for me to update the registration to reflect current lobbying efforts.

Lastly, I am pleased that the lobbyist registry website is being updated as it was in dire need of a refresh.

I would be pleased to further discuss my comments on lobbying and the lobbyists registry. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to outline my thoughts.

Regards,

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