



March 8, 2018

Dear Stakeholder:

I am writing to invite your organization to participate in the Government of British Columbia's review of the *Lobbyists Registration Act*.

Last fall, government introduced amendments to the *Lobbyists Registration Act* that will increase transparency in lobbying. The *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017*, received Royal Assent on November 30, 2017. The amendments include a new, two-year prohibition on lobbying for former public office holders after their term of office has ended. The goal of this significant legislation is to enact a strong, sweeping prohibition so that former public office holders cannot unfairly use their insider knowledge and contacts to influence government policy on behalf of corporations or organizations. These amendments will come into force by regulation in spring 2018.

Government is now undertaking a comprehensive review of the *Lobbyists Registration Act*, including the mandate of the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists, to ensure transparency and accountability, and to protect the integrity of the democratic institutions and the interests of British Columbians. As part of this review, government is seeking stakeholder comment on changes to the *Lobbyists Registration Act* recommended by the former Registrar of Lobbyists, Elizabeth Denham, in her January 21, 2013 report entitled "Lobbying in British Columbia: The Way Forward" and November 5, 2013 report entitled "Lobbying in British Columbia: Recommendations for Changes to the Lobbyists Registration Act". Any additional comments or concerns are also welcomed.

Please provide feedback by **April 20, 2018**, to the Policy and Legislation Division by electronic mail at PLD@gov.bc.ca or by mail at:

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Thank you very much for taking the time to provide input on this very important initiative.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Eby", with a long, sweeping underline.

David Eby, QC
Attorney General