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**By EMAIL**

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Dear Mr. Hern:

**Re: *Election Act, RSBC 1996, c. 106***

I refer to your letter of January 4, 2013.

You have demanded that the government advise you by January 14, 2013 of its substantive response to a constitutional challenge that has not been brought.

Should your client choose to bring a constitutional challenge, the government will respond accordingly. Until such time, the provisions of the *Election Act* which require registration of third party election advertisers during the "campaign period" are presumed to be valid provincial legislation. As for your suggestion that the government "chose not to respond to [your] client's concerns in a substantive way" in the recent reference, the registration provisions were not among the amendments referred to the Court of Appeal and accordingly no substantive response was required or appropriate.

We do not propose to engage in any further legal debate with you via correspondence as to the constitutionality of the registration provisions of the *Election Act*.

Yours sincerely,

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