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Hon. Andrew Scheer, MP
Speaker of the House of Commons
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am writing to you today in your capacity as chair of the Board of Internal Economy (BOIE), which has responsibility for ensuring that the money entrusted by taxpayers to the House of Commons is used for Parliamentary purposes.

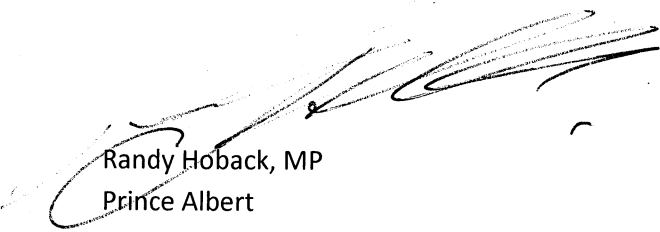
It is very disturbing to see reports in the media of allegations that a Parliament Office and Parliamentary resources are being used within the Office of the Leader of the Opposition by the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) for its own purposes. If true, this would add to a pattern of abuse that the NDP has shown over the last few years with respect to the resources provided to them by taxpayers.

Through you, Mr. Speaker, I am asking that the BOIE investigate this matter urgently and determine:

- a) if these allegations are true;
- b) whether section 4.(1) of the Member's Bylaw has been breached with respect to using Parliamentary resources for non-Parliamentary purposes;
- c) whether section 5 of the Member's Bylaw has been breached with respect to allowing someone other than an employee or an individual with a contract for professional services to use Parliamentary resources;
- d) whether section 7.(1) of the Member's Bylaw has been breached with respect to a Member not being able to use funds, goods, services, and premises provided by the House of Commons for the benefit of any person, association, or organization, or for the promotion of a product, service or event of any person, association, or organization; and
- e) what steps must be taken to immediately stop this scheme and furthermore to recover any funds inappropriately expensed should any breaches of the bylaws have taken place.

I have been very proud, along with all my Conservative Caucus colleagues, to have pushed for increased transparency and disclosure of MP expenses, and it is therefore critical that the Board act quickly to address these allegations and ensure that Canadians can have faith in the stewardship of House of Commons resources.

Sincerely,



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