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Dear Contributor,

## Re: Alberta Greens and Your 2008 "Official Receipt"

I am legal counsel retained by the Alberta Greens to act in the Party's interests with respect to its status with Elections Alberta, its continued registration as a political party in accordance with the *Elections Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act*, (the *Act*.) and the interests of contributors in the preparation and issuance of Official Receipts.

Following the resignation of the Chief Financial Officer in December, 2008, records essential for filing 2008 audited financial statements were inaccessible to the current executive and Mr. C. Simpson, C.A., of Myers Norris Penny, Chartered Accountants, retained for the required Elections Alberta filing. In 2008 the Party had also borrowed funds pursuant to loan agreements prohibited by the *Act*. For these reasons the Party cannot comply with the requirements of the *Act* and I have been guided by the legislation to recommend the cancellation of the registration of the Party. Efforts were made to issue Official Receipts, notwithstanding this state of affairs without any success until March 25, 2008. (403)-843-4666

On March 25, 2008, the former "CFO" e-mailed an electronic folio of partially completed receipts to Elections Alberta that provided the current executive with some further information of assistance in the issuance of Official Receipts for income tax purposes. This late disclosure of further relevant information resulted in a review of the Party records to verify the contributions and prepare Official Receipts.

Each partially completed receipt has been reviewed. Several are inconsistent with the limited accessible records. Some include membership dues. Visa and on-line contributions cannot be reconciled. Some requests for receipts simply cannot be verified. I have made extensive efforts to contact individuals and reconcile apparent inconsistencies respecting these contributions.

*The Alberta Income Tax Act* (Section 13) provides for the deduction of political contributions but the party claiming the benefit of a contribution documented by an Official Receipt is legally obligated to assure the accuracy of the contribution. It is therefore important that each contributor assures the accuracy of the Official Receipt, where one has been enclosed with this letter, before claiming a tax credit.

Yours truly



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