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c/o Charities Directorate
Canada Revenue Agency
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: Political Activities Consultation

Dear Agency officials,

I am writing on behalf of Excalibur ADHD Association. We have been stripped by Charities Directorate of the ability to provide the ADHD population with information relevant to their disorder. This refers to practitioners specializing in this disorder and lectures given about the disorder. We cannot fulfill our mandate with these restrictions. It is our contention that charities and government need a closer relationship to move our great country forward. At this time, we do not have a cooperative relationship with the provincial or federal governments. Some services provided by charities should be recognized as potential improvement in services that fall outside of direct government prevue. Only through the cooperation between charities and the governments can certain services be offered without an economic burden to the government. Cooperation would improve services by using the charities and thereby the funding from the public through donations rather than burdening the government for funding these said services. We need to follow the example of other countries that work with charities to offer specific programs to the population.

We are writing to express support for Imagine Canada's [political activities brief](#). Their recommendations were created with the assistance and support of 33 organizations of varying type, size and scope, from across the country.

We advocate for the following:

1. We strongly support the key recommendation of Imagine Canada that the *Income Tax Act* be amended to restore an emphasis on charitable purposes, rather than regulating how charities achieve those purposes.
2. We agree with Imagine Canada that these amendments to the Income Tax Act are a short-term solution and must be seen as only a prelude to broader legal and regulatory reform for the charitable and non-profit sector.
3. We agree with all of Imagine Canada's recommendations about clarifying definitions and scope regarding *partisan political activity* so that we can be more confident in engaging in our work.

Imagine Canada makes more detailed recommendations regarding details of amending and clarifying existing guidance on political activities and, while we are supportive of their thrust, we

strongly urge the government not to waste time revising current definitions, but rather to make the changes to the *Income Tax Act* as a first priority.

Thank you very much for allowing us this opportunity to participate. We encourage the federal government to recognize the critical role played by Canada's nonprofits and charities and to ensure regulation governing the charitable sector provides an enabling environment for us in serving our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya Warnock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maya Warnock
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