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Good morning,

As I commented at the riding held 2017 budget consultations last week, the following recommendations align with creating a more innovative economy instead of finding ways to discourage innovation in the marketplace.

The recommendations:

The *Income Tax Act* be amended to restore an emphasis on charitable purposes, rather than regulating how charities achieve those purposes.

The focus on activities, including political activities, in the Income Tax Act should be removed. The prohibition on *partisan political activity* would remain.

Clarifying definitions and scope regarding *partisan political activity* so that we can be more confident in engaging in our work.

Potential for additional impact on other sector-related policy issues

Changing the *Income Tax Act* to focus on purposes, rather than activities, could have spillover effects beyond charities' public policy work. For example, it would likely mean a rethinking of the regulations that govern charities' business activities.

http://www.imaginecanada.ca/sites/default/files/imagine_canada_political_activity_submission_final_en.pdf

Kindest regards

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