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## WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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Dear Commissioner Paulson,

As you will recall, some time ago I wrote to you asking why Nigel Wright wasn't charged alongside former Conservative Senator Mike Duffy, and you assured me in your reply last April that your reasons would soon be made clear.

Since then, significant new evidence has come to light at trial that raises new questions about Mr. Wright's role in this scandal.

Furthermore, Mr. Wright's testimony has painted a picture of numerous senior staff in the Prime Minister's Office working together to try and cover-up this scandal.

Evidence at trial points to over a dozen people – including the Prime Minister's current Chief of Staff, Ray Novak – involved in a plan to make a secret payment to a sitting Senator, have him make intentionally misleading statements to the public, and interfere with an independent audit.

Section 16 of the Parliament of Canada Act reads:

**16.** (1) *No member of the Senate shall receive or agree to receive any compensation, directly or indirectly, for services rendered or to be rendered to any person, either by the member or another person,*

*(a) in relation to any bill, proceeding, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest or other matter before the Senate or the House of Commons or a committee of either House; or*

*(b) for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence any member of either House.*

*2) Every member of the Senate who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars and not more than four thousand dollars.*

***(3) Every person who gives, offers or promises to any member of the Senate any compensation for services described in subsection (1), rendered or to be rendered, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year and to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than two thousand dollars.***

New information has come to light in the course of Mr. Wright's testimony, including emails where numerous staff in the Prime Minister's Office discussed their strategy with respect to the \$90,000 payment to Mr. Duffy.

Given the details that have now come to light about the \$90,000 dollars Mr. Wright paid to Mr. Duffy and the involvement of at least a dozen staff in the Prime Minister's office, I am writing to ask whether the RCMP will now be laying charges against Nigel Wright.

I am also asking, based on this new information, whether Ray Novak or any other staff working in the Prime Minister's office should be investigated for their role working with Mr. Wright in relation to this matter.

Last year, you agreed that Canadians had a right to know why the RCMP chose not to bring any charges

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against Mr. Wright. A year later, evidence mounts at trial, the question of whether staff in the Prime Minister's office were engaged in criminal acts has become a major issue of public interest as Canadians prepare to go to the polls.

I thank you for your quick attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Angus". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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