



14 December 2016

c/o Charities Directorate
Canada Revenue Agency
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0L5

Re: Political Activities Consultation

Dear Agency officials,

On behalf of Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), the country's leading wetland conservation charitable organization, I am writing to express our support for Imagine Canada's [political activities brief](#) and their related recommendations, developed in collaboration with 33 other organizations.

In particular, DUC supports the recommendation to amend the *Income Tax Act* to restore an emphasis on charitable purposes, rather than regulating how charities achieve those purposes. We also agree with the recommendation to clarify definitions and scope of the Act regarding *partisan political activity* so that we can confidently engage in public policy and advocacy work with all levels of government.

While amending the *Income Tax Act* is an important step in modernizing Canada's governance framework for charitable and non-profit organizations, we agree with Imagine Canada that a broader regulatory and policy reform is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the online and in-person consultation process regarding political activities by Canadian registered charities. We would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have in this regard.

For additional information, please contact James Brennan, Director of Government Affairs, in our Ottawa office at 613-565-6654.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Brennan".

James Brennan,
Director, Government Affairs

cc: Ontario Nonprofit Network