

February 28, 2008

Commissioner William Elliott  
Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
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Dear Commissioner Elliott,

On February 27, 2008, excerpts from the soon to be published book by Tom Zytaruk, titled *Like a Rock: The Chuck Cadman Story*, were made available through numerous media outlets. These excerpts contain very serious allegations regarding potential criminal activity by representatives of the Conservative Party of Canada.

As you are no doubt aware, on May 19, 2005, there was a recorded division in the House of Commons on amendments to Bill C-48, *An Act to Authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments*. This vote was a confidence measure in the former Liberal government of Prime Minister Paul Martin, and there was considerable interest regarding the voting intentions of independent Member of Parliament Chuck Cadman (Surrey North).

In his book, Mr. Zytaruk uses quotes from then Leader of the Official Opposition Stephen Harper to confirm that two operatives from the Conservative Party of Canada visited Mr. Cadman in his Parliamentary office on May 17, 2005, and that those operatives were "legitimately" representing his party in an attempt to convince Mr. Cadman to vote against C-48, and precipitate a Federal election.

The book continues:

*"The Tories actually walked in with a list of offers written down on a piece of paper. Included in their proposal was a \$1-million life insurance policy - no small carrot for a man with advanced cancer."*

As I am sure you will agree, any allegations of financial inducements being offered to an elected public official in an attempt to influence that individual must be treated with the utmost seriousness.

I would like to ask that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) immediately begin an investigation into these allegations. Specifically, my request concerns any breach of the following statutes:

## **The Criminal Code of Canada**

*Corruption and Disobedience:* Bribery of judicial officers, etc:

119. (1) Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years who

(a) being the holder of a judicial office, or being a member of Parliament or of the legislature of a province, directly or indirectly, corruptly accepts, obtains, agrees to accept or attempts to obtain, for themselves or another person, any money, valuable consideration, office, place or employment in respect of anything done or omitted or to be done or omitted by them in their official capacity, or

(b) directly or indirectly, corruptly gives or offers to a person mentioned in paragraph (a), or to anyone for the benefit of that person, any money, valuable consideration, office, place or employment in respect of anything done or omitted or to be done or omitted by that person in their official capacity.

## **Parliament of Canada Act**

41. (1) No member of the House of Commons 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.

(3) Every person who gives, offers or promises to any member of the House of Commons 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.

I firmly believe there is an obvious and significant public interest in determining whether or not officials from the Conservative Party of Canada engaged in attempts to bribe an elected public official for their own political and material gain.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Canadians expect their public officials to act within the highest standards of ethical behaviour, and it is only

through a thorough investigation by the RCMP that we can be assured our Parliamentary institutions remain uncompromised.

Sincerely,

Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.