

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Michael Harvey:

My office has recently been made aware of possible non-compliance with the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA).

We understand a representative of TC Energy Corporation has made statements claiming TC Energy Corporation or its representatives significantly influenced Government of British Columbia decisions through their lobbying activities.

We have conducted an internal review and believe that these statements are untrue.

TC Energy Corporation itself is not registered in the Lobbyists Registry. Related entities, including TransCanada PipeLines Limited and Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd are registered. It appears that several statements regarding efforts of TC Energy Corporation representatives, if true, may involve lobbying activities which are not recorded in the Lobbyists Registry.

None of the lobbyists identified in TransCanada PipeLines Limited's registration return have identified themselves as "former public office holders", although one of them is a former political staff member of a minister's office who may fall under this definition.

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Government's commitment with the LTA continues to be to ensure transparency, integrity, and accountability in serving people in BC. We are bringing this to your attention as part of that commitment. We would be pleased to provide you with additional information if requested.

Thank you for looking into this matter.

Sincerely,

Niki Sharma, KC Attorney General