



June 8, 2012

Dermod Travis
Integrity BC
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Dear Dermod Travis:

On June 6, 2012, you made statements on CKNW radio that the BC Liberal Party was the only party that had raised money from charities.

We take exception with the fact that your organization has chosen to attack our party on this issue without properly scrutinizing other major political parties in B.C. On June 6, 2012, you had this to say on CKNW: "In 2011 we have not been able to find another political party in the province of BC at the provincial level who has accepted a donation from a registered charity."

Upon review of the 2011 filing made by the BCNDP, we found at least one specific example of a donation from a registered charity, as well as other examples that we have brought forward to Elections BC to investigate.

It is reasonable to expect that your organization will comment on prohibited BCNDP donations with the same vigor and determination that you directed towards recent donations made to the BC Liberal Party.

More broadly, we find it particularly concerning that an organization that has adopted the label of "Integrity BC" would not disclose information about its own donors. Nowhere on your web site are your donors listed.

It seems appropriate that an organization claiming to be "championing accountability and integrity in BC politics" would, at the very least, meet the financial disclosure and accountability standards it advocates.

We have no issue with any individuals or groups expressing their opinions in the public forum, in fact, it is something that our party welcomes and encourages. But we also believe the public has a right to know who is behind organizations such as yours, and where their funding comes from.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, BC Liberal Party

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