



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Mr. Mario Dion
Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner
66 Slater Street, 22nd Floor
Ottawa, ON

February 8, 2019

Re: Investigation into conduct of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Dear Commissioner Dion,

We are writing with regard to a potential breach of Article 7 of the *Conflict of Interest Act* by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and public office holders in the Office of the Prime Minister.

As reported by *The Globe and Mail*, officials in Prime Minister Trudeau's office are said to have pressured the Minister of Justice to instruct the Public Prosecution Service to negotiate a deferred prosecution agreement with SNC-Lavalin, a construction and engineering firm set to face trial this year. The independent Public Prosecution Service had previously elected not to do so of its own accord.

Article 7 reads as follows:

"No public office holder shall, in the exercise of an official power, duty or function, give preferential treatment to any person or organization based on the identity of the person or organization that represents the first-mentioned person or organization."

If instructions, whether explicit or implicit, were in fact given by the Prime Minister's Office to the Attorney General of Canada to pressure the independent Public Prosecutions Service to reverse themselves without using the legal mechanism by which this can be done, it would be a monumental breach of the public trust and the *Act*.

We urge you to investigate so that the facts of the matter can be determined and an appropriate finding made within the scope of the *Conflict of Interest Act*, without prejudice, of course, to any other laws that may have been contravened in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charlie Angus, MP
Timmins—James Bay

Nathan Cullen, MP
Skeena—Bulkley Valley

