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Re: Request for appointment of special prosecutor
Private prosecution of *R. v. Justin Trudeau*
Your client: Democracy Watch / Duff Conacher

Dear Ms. Danch,

I write in response to your client's letter to the Attorney General, dated March 21, 2025, that I received recently, requesting the appointment of a special prosecutor to "review the evidence and issue a public decision concerning prosecuting" Mr. Trudeau.

I have carefully considered the points raised in your client's letter. Having done so, I have assigned this file to counsel within our Complex Prosecutions Bureau.

I am keenly aware of the need to consider and respond to circumstances that may undermine the perception of the independence of a Prosecutor. I am confident that reasonable and well-informed members of the public would understand that counsel from the Complex Prosecutions Bureau will approach their review of this matter impartially, in accordance with their duty, prescribed by the Crown Prosecution Manual, to disregard any "potential political advantage or disadvantage that might flow from the decision to undertake or stop a prosecution, or the possible effect on the personal or professional circumstances of anyone connected to the exercise of prosecutorial discretion."

Reasonable and well-informed members of the public would also consider that decisions in individual prosecutions are made by Prosecutors who report to me as Assistant Deputy Attorney General – Criminal Law Division, not to the Attorney General as a member of Cabinet. Moreover, all of Ontario's Prosecutors, including me, perform our duties without regard to political or partisan considerations or fear of political influence.

Taking these factors into account, I have concluded that the public interest is best served by assigning this file to the Complex Prosecutions Bureau.

I have cc'd John Corelli, who is the Director of the Bureau. In the meantime, should you wish to provide relevant information about the case or discuss this matter further, I encourage you to reach out to Mr. Corelli directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Schwartz", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Randy Schwartz

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cc. John Corelli
Director of the Complex Prosecutions Bureau
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