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RE: Request for disclosure of your financial interests, your other interests, and all communications with PMO and PCO concerning your appointment

Dear Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner:

I am writing to request that Interim Ethics Commissioner Konrad von Finckenstein:

1. **Disclose in the Public Registry his financial interests.** As far as Democracy Watch has determined, Mr. von Finckenstein was required to have done this by December 31, 2023, under the *Conflict of Interest Act* ([s. 2](#) definitions of “public office holder” and “reporting public office holder”, [ss. 25-26](#), [s. 62.2](#), and the related [Cabinet order](#));
2. **Disclose publicly his other interests.** Mr. von Finckenstein has an active website for [consulting and doing arbitrations for big businesses](#), and is a [Senior Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute](#), both which could create clear conflicts of interest for him in his role as Interim Ethics Commissioner, and;
3. **Disclose publicly all the communications and records of communications** he had with the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) and Privy Council Office (PCO) during his appointment process for his six-month term that began last September.

We look forward to hearing back from you very soon.

Sincerely,

Duff Conacher, Board member of Democracy Watch
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Democracy Watch