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**Re: Request for fully independent, expert inquiry into approval of land and development transactions involving the Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute and Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute, and affiliates.**

Dear Ms. Compton:

We are writing because we continue to have grave concerns about the internal investigation by Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (IRAC) of the approval of land and development transactions involving the Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute (GEBIS) and Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute (GWBI). It is a matter of public record that GEBIS and GWBI are part of a multi-billion-dollar, multi-national, integrated monastic and business conglomerate headed by Bliss & Wisdom Monastic Corporation (Fu Zhi, which translates as “Bliss & Wisdom”), which has with massive operations in Taiwan, China and across the US and Canada. Canada Revenue Services (CRA) filings show that Bliss & Wisdom is the largest employer in PEI and its group assets in PEI alone are almost a half billion dollars. CRA filings of the largest members of the group show close to two hundred million dollars in land and buildings. It is using a very large number of directors and other persons to make acquisitions of land that are contiguous with the monasteries and related businesses.

Multiple investigative reports in the media and interviews with Taiwanese officials state consistently that Bliss & Wisdom has been infiltrated and taken over by the Chinese Communist

Party (CCP). Taiwanese officials stated on the record that they warned a former PEI Premier of this relationship.

We respectfully request that you, in cooperation with other political parties in the Legislative Assembly, re-launch the current IRAC investigation as a newly constituted public inquiry established under the *Public Inquiries Act*, PEI, staffed by a truly independent commissioner and investigators having the expertise and resources required to investigate activities of a massive international organization, spanning more than 15 years.

The government's new review of IRAC's role, structure and responsibilities does not address the many outstanding and important questions about IRAC's past decisions and actions. Most importantly, a PEI legislative committee determined in October that IRAC didn't complete its 2018 investigation into the land purchases by GEBIS and GWBI. By burying its past investigation, IRAC has shown clearly that it is in a conflict of interest and should not be trusted to investigate these land purchases.

We also believe a separate, second provincial public inquiry needs to be undertaken in coordination with the federal authorities, to investigate the national security and potential criminal issues and the broader issues that have allowed the situation to get to this point, and to recommend solutions, as was done by the Cullen Commission in British Columbia.

We make these requests because, after nine months of preparations and dealing with reputational damage from misleading the public about the existence of its 2018 investigation report, we expected that IRAC would go to extraordinary length to organize the new investigation in a manner that would restore public confidence in IRAC. However, we see no evidence that the investigation has the independence, scope, resources or expertise needed to be effective, for the following reasons:

1. We received a copy of Ms. William's letter to Hon. Premier Lantz of February 13, 2026, referring to legislation dealing with conflicts of interest of IRAC commissioners and staff. Unfortunately, while the letter tries to offer reassurance that IRAC takes the conflicts issue seriously, it does not state that no such conflicts exist. It also does not address the conflict created by Ms. William's previous role as Chief of Staff of the Premier's Office during the time period that the provincial Cabinet was reviewing and approving transactions now potentially being investigated by IRAC.
2. Despite the size, complexity and multinational nature of Bliss & Wisdom's structure and operations, the Board of IRAC chose to appoint only one special counsel, Christopher Montigny, from HR Atlantic, a relatively small labour law firm, to undertake the investigation.
3. Those who met the special counsel informed us that the staffing of the investigation was shockingly inadequate given the size and complexity of Bliss & Wisdom. There is no

forensic accountant involved in the investigation. The two lawyers handling the interviews had no experience in real estate, finance, litigation, white collar crime or international transactions. One was very junior, but both were out of their depth, with no translation service, expertise or resources to handle an investigation of this size and complexity. As far as we are aware, Mr. Montigny did not attend any of the meetings.

4. The scope of the investigation is less than clear. Hon. Minister Myers' letter to Ms. Williams of February 2, 2025, instructs you to investigate Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute (GEBIS) and Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute (GWBI) but also refers to the 2022 amendments to the *Land Protection Act* addressing the "nature of direct and indirect control [of a corporation], a thorough examination of the land holdings is warranted". Who is actually included in the investigation?
5. The request for public input (Public Input Request) [issued by HR Atlantic on December 15, 2025](#) on the IRAC website only states that IRAC is investigating "the land holdings and any related interests in land held by Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute Inc. and Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society." Failing to mention Bliss & Wisdom, the parent organization of GEBIS and GWBI, and the main holding companies of this group, falls short of the detailed list of companies covered in the 2018 investigation and fails to let the public know the true scope of the inquiries so that they could provide information. There is no valid reason why, in those nine months of preparations for the investigation, the scope of the investigation was not clarified and shared with the public.
6. None of the experts involved in the research for the book about Bliss & Wisdom entitled *Canada under Siege: How PEI became the forward Operating Base of the Chinese Communist Party* have been asked to appear as witnesses or subpoenaed, although IRAC has all the powers of a public inquiry to compel attendance of witnesses and production of documents.
7. The RCMP commenced its investigation and received a significant amount of information on the same issues that are of interest to IRAC. But the RCMP's work does not appear to be coordinated with the work of IRAC and of its special counsel. Also, there is apparently no coordination with FINTRAC, the only organization able to identify sources of funds used by the various holding companies and nominee individuals to purchase the properties and thus determine their beneficial ownership.
8. People taking part in the work of Save PEI have been physically threatened by members of Bliss & Wisdom and some have lost their jobs. Suspected GEBIS affiliates produced videos attacking and slandering several of our supporters. Several persons involved in researching Bliss & Wisdom have also received legal cease and desist letters. People are afraid of this group. Despite this, IRAC failed to provide any legal protection to persons providing information to HR Atlantic. Being exposed to a claim for libel, slander or to retribution because the information provided to IRAC would be disclosed under access to information laws presents a real danger. Few members of the public were therefore willing to provide information to HR Atlantic, casting doubt on the public consultation process.

9. IRAC has not made it clear whether there will be an opportunity for individuals or organizations to make representations to HR Atlantic or IRAC after the information that was collected is processed and before a final report is issued. Such an opportunity would go a long way toward addressing some of the concerns expressed here.

Speaking about its monasteries in the Master Plan, Bliss & Wisdom states that “the impact on the economy and the people of PEI will be substantial and lasting”. Please be aware that this investigation will determine the future of PEI, its economy and its people, and will also be scrutinized outside PEI. Specifically, the U.S. operations of Bliss & Wisdom are attracting scrutiny.

For all of the above reasons, we respectfully ask you to terminate the present IRAC investigation and to re-launch it as a provincial inquiry under the *Public Inquiries Act*, PEI. The inquiry commissioner (or, even better, three commissioners) must not have even an appearance of a conflict of interest concerning the matters to be investigated, and should come from outside of the province, and should be appointed through a merit-based candidate review process with the opposition party leaders participating to ensure independence and non-partisanship of the commissioner(s).

In addition, the inquiry must also be staffed with investigators who also must not have even an appearance of a conflict of interest concerning the matters to be investigated, and should also come from outside of the province, and must have the necessary financial, legal and international qualifications and expertise, and be given the funding and technical resources needed to complete a timely, full and detailed investigation of the situation. As well, given the international structure and activities of the organizations being investigated, the inquiry commissioners must retain a forensic investigations firm with international expertise and reach that also must not have even an appearance of a conflict of interest concerning the matters to be investigated and should also come from outside of the province.

It is also vital that the terms of reference for the inquiry reflect the existing knowledge of the Bliss & Wisdom corporate structure and require consultation with the public. There should be an opportunity for the public to participate in the inquiry as interveners. Doing this would protect protected witnesses from liability, which is vital given GEBIS’s recent threats of legal action. Only such a decisive step would restore public trust in our government and bring closure to the questions surrounding the aggregate landholding of the Bliss & Wisdom group.

We trust the RCMP / FINTRAC investigation of the broader issues potentially involving Bliss & Wisdom listed in then-Premier Lantz’s letter of October 16, 2025 is proceeding. We understand that the RCMP’s practice is not to provide any information about its investigations. However, this presents an additional difficulty because, as with the buried IRAC 2018 investigation, the

RCMP has unfortunately previously closed several active investigations in PEI involving immigration fraud and related issues, without any explanation. It issued a mysterious press announcement to CBC shortly after receiving the Premier's letter requesting an investigation, stating it investigated similar accusations previously and found no wrongdoing. Yet no person with relevant information was ever contacted by the RCMP. Not surprisingly, public trust in the RCMP is at a low level.

We therefore believe that there needs to be a second public inquiry into the wider issues of foreign influence and land purchases in PEI and across Canada that will determine how we arrived at the present situation and ensure it does not happen again. This could be a provincial public inquiry, chaired and staffed by truly independent and qualified experts, but it would however need to be undertaken in close coordination with the federal authorities, as some of the matters that need investigating are under federal jurisdiction (immigration, charities regulation, foreign influence, etc.). If the federal government is willing to show leadership and call a federal inquiry into the potential misuse of charities by CCP, purchases of farmland by CCP-linked organizations, influence over our immigration system etc., that would be preferable and should be an option to be discussed. The recent Cullen Commission inquiry in British Columbia is an excellent precedent for such an inquiry.

Thus, we believe that two fully independent, expertly staffed and well-resourced inquiries would ensure that the current issues are resolved and that PEI's government, and other governments across Canada, would be equipped to deal with future challenges in this area.

Ordering such highly professional investigations, with strong follow-up, is not only of existential importance to PEI's future but could actually lead to PEI becoming a leader among the provinces in handling these important issues, which by now affect all provinces.

Please address the concerns set out in this letter and do your best to discharge your duty of care to the public. This is one of the most important situations you will ever address.

Sincerely,



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