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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
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Committee Secretary
Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

Inquiry into the development of codes of conduct for Commonwealth parliamentarians.

I would like to highlight the below section of my submission to the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards to further elucidate points that I made in my submission and in the public hearing.

I. Upholding the Code

- a. Members and Senators shall undertake educational activities on the content of this Code and on matters related to the prevention of bullying, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.ⁱ
- b. Members and Senators must sign a declaration to demonstrate their commitment to uphold the code. Failure to do so will prevent Members and Senators from participating in official delegations
- c. Similarly, to the practice of submitting Senators' register of interests, the signing of the declaration must be made publicly available and transparent.

Further to my comments during the public hearing on the enforcement of the code I'd like to clarify the section on sanctions. It is my view that we cannot have one set of rules for one group and not the other.

Thus, those that do not sign up to the code are not exempt from sanctions bestowed by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission.

Yours sincerely

Senator the Hon Sue Lines
President of the Senate

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ⁱ [Canadian Code of Conduct](#)