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Dear Jenny Kwan,

Thank you for your email of August 10, 2023, addressed to [REDACTED]. In your correspondence, you referred to possible foreign interference during the 44th federal general election in 2021. In particular, you referred to a lunch at a restaurant in Vancouver in support of a particular candidate during the election period. You also provided more recent information relating to your lack of access to a seniors' facility in your electoral district, occurring outside an electoral period.

As noted in your email, the Commissioner of Canada Elections' mandate is limited to what is provided for in the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act). The scope of contraventions is narrow and limited to the wording of each. While the Act contains language concerning access by candidates and election officials to communal residences during an election period, the Commissioner does not have jurisdiction to address similar situations outside of such a period. However, we will take the circumstances you have described into consideration as part of a broader understanding of possible foreign interference.

With respect to the lunch described in your correspondence, I cannot provide further information on this ongoing matter due to the confidentiality provisions of the Act.

Our Office generally does not provide updates on the status of a file, but we may contact the complainant to get additional information when needed. That said, we generally notify complainants about the outcome of the file, and in the event that the Commissioner determines that formal compliance or enforcement measures should be taken, the matter is then made public, as required by law.

Sincerely,

The Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections



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