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The Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.  
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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you about a troubling story in today's Ottawa Citizen regarding the disclosure of private emails from public servants to the Conservative Party of Canada. The article, by David Pugliese, revealed that both government email accounts and the private emails accounts of public servants were used by the Conservative Party, including asking public servants how they would vote in an election.

As you are not doubt aware, Treasury Board guidelines on Privacy state:

*The underlying principle is that individuals have a basic right to control over their personal information; they have a right to know why their information is collected by the government, how it will be used, how long it will be kept and who will have access to it.*

I would like to know if you believe this principal was violated by departments who released this information, or by those who obtained it.

Furthermore, the Values and Ethics Code of the Public Sector states:

*A professional and non-partisan federal public sector is integral to our democracy.*

The survey sent to public servants asks the following question: "If an election was held today, which party would you vote for?"

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I believe this incident undermines the non-partisanship of the civil service. After all, how can non-partisanship be maintained if the governing party is submitting political surveys to public servants?

I ask that you take immediate steps to investigate and put a stop to what I believe is a clear cut violation of Treasury Board guidelines.

I await your reply on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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