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Statement from BC Information and Privacy Commissioner on report to the House of Commons recommending changes to federal privacy legislation

VICTORIA—On June 19, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics released a report entitled *Addressing Digital Privacy Vulnerabilities and Potential Threats to Canada’s Democratic Electoral Process*. The report was issued as part of the Committee’s work studying the privacy breach involving Cambridge Analytica and Facebook.

BC Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy issued the following statement about the report:

“I fully support the recommendations put forward by the Committee. If implemented, these changes will greatly enhance Canadians’ trust in our federal election process.

“I particularly welcome the Committee’s recommendation to make political parties accountable under federal privacy legislation, and to increase transparency requirements through regulation.

“My testimony to the Committee on May 10, 2018 encouraged Parliament to ensure political parties across Canada are subject to the same legal responsibilities and obligations as other organizations. Currently, BC is the only province where privacy legislation applies to political parties.

“I urge government to implement the Committee’s recommendations. Democracy requires citizens to trust the political process, and a significant part of that process is how political parties collect and use the personal information that belongs to Canadians.”

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To read the full report visit <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/ETHI/report-16/>

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