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Subject: Pull out of ACTA before it's too late.

Hello,

I am very concerned about the ACTA negotiations and what they mean for Canada. Examining the latest leaks of this unnecessarily secretive negotiations shows that's its not only about counterfeiting. Large focus seems to be on copyright and limiting the rights and privileges of Canadian citizens.

The ACTA consultations were a joke since how can you consult people on things that are secret and unknown to people. What good are the copyright consultations we just had if we are bound by ACTA that forces things like 3-strikes, notice-and-takedown, and makes criminals out of our citizens, including children, for doing things that are legal today? Was this just another waste of money? Was this part of the plan where you throw the public "a bone" with the consultations knowing that ACTA will tie your hands? Your office previously assured me that "... the proposed ACTA does not aim to be intrusive on individual citizens, but rather to address large-scale counterfeiting and piracy activities" but the leaked documents show a that ACTA is especially intrusive on individual citizens. How do you explain this?

It is obvious to anyone observing this whole charade that it was designed to keep public out since it takes away citizens rights and privileges. The US is using ACTA to export their corrupted politics where laws and trade agreements are bought by corporations. This is not the Canadian way. I thought Canada was not for sale.

The ACTA as it currently stands is unacceptable for Canada and Canadian citizens that want to live in a sovereign nation that decides its own laws and policies. The secrecy surrounding the negotiations is unacceptable. This has nothing to do with national security. If it does please explain to me and rest of the public how it is related.

Please stop selling out Canadian sovereignty by pulling out of ACTA immediately. I don't know if there is any good parts to ACTA, since it is secret, but the little that I've seen is convincing enough to tell me that this agreement is bad for all Canadians.

Regards,

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