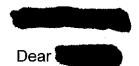
From: CommissionersOffice [mailto:CommissionersOffice@elections.ca]

**Sent:** July 4, 2012 9:29 AM

To:

Subject: Response to your complaint to Elections Canada



This is in response to your complaint to Elections Canada of March 19, 2012 in which you describe internet information indicating that two individuals associated with a business called Front Porch Strategies engaged in canvassing for one or more candidates in the May, 2011 federal general election. Your complaint alleges a contravention of section 331 of the Canada Elections Act.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commissioner.

Offences related to influencing electors' voting decisions are difficult to successfully investigate and enforce. In this case, an additional factor is that some of the relevant information or persons are not within Canada. These considerations affect the Commissioner's assessment of your information and the public interest in taking enforcement action.

The information described in your complaint, found on internet sites or news stories, indicates that the activity complained of was of very limited duration, and suggests that the purpose of the individuals' presence in Canada may have been partly or primarily to promote their business interests. No complaint to this office provided a basis to believe that any elector was actually induced or affected in their voting behaviour due to the activity complained of.

It is the Commissioner's view that, taking into account these considerations, it is not in the public interest to pursue this matter.

Yours truly,

The Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections