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Speaker Zwozdesky,

I am writing today in support of a letter sent to you by my colleague from the Wildrose, Shayne Saskiw, with regard to his caucus' representation on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices in light of changes to the composition of his caucus.

While recent events surrounding the Committee's budgetary decisions have thrown into question the efficacy and relevancy of our Assembly's standing committees, the NDP Caucus believes that the role of opposition parties in all aspects of legislative decision-making is vital, and needs to be respected. For this reason, I would like to support my colleague from Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, and urge you to ensure that the Official Opposition has representation on this Committee at its next scheduled meeting on February 17, 2015.

While we understand that there are currently no provisions for such things in the Standing Orders, we nonetheless hope that you will consider an exception in this case, given the extraordinary circumstances in which the Wildrose caucus finds itself.

Sincerely,

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