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By Email

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Dear Mr. Porter:

Re: *Trudeau v. Scheer*

I have been retained by the Honourable Andrew Scheer regarding your libel notice of March 31.

The Prime Minister's complaint is entirely without merit. It is profoundly disappointing that the Prime Minister is seeking to silence debate on matters of such great public importance.

Mr. Scheer will not be intimidated. As the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition he is performing his constitutional duty to hold the Prime Minister and his government to account.

If the Prime Minister actually intends to commence a lawsuit, he should proceed with it immediately. Mr. Scheer will defend vigorously and will press for the expedited determination of the action. Mr. Scheer looks forward to obtaining the Prime Minister's evidence under oath and having this matter heard in open court. The Prime Minister must immediately take steps to preserve all relevant documents, including electronic communications, notes of meetings and other materials. He should immediately notify all members of his government involved in this matter, past and present, that they can expect to be called to testify.

If the Prime Minister does not commence the lawsuit he has threatened, Mr. Scheer will conclude that the Prime Minister has properly acknowledged that Mr. Scheer's statements were appropriate and grounded in evidence before the Canadian people.

Yours truly,

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