

## RE: Save the Parliamentary Budget Office

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Thank you for your email about the Parliamentary Budget Office.

I, too, share your concerns about Kevin Page and the PBO. I support Kevin Page and believe the PBO should be accountable to Parliament and a transparent body that provides Canadians with information about the spending of public funds.

Since being in office, Mr. Page has been subject to the Harper Conservatives intimidation tactics. In attempting to ensure accountability and transparency, Kevin Page has now found that his only recourse to do so is through a federal court case. It is deplorable that a civil servant, whose job is to provide accountability and transparency, is unable to do so.

I believe the PBO should be independent of Parliament yet also accountable to it. The Parliamentary Budget Officer should be elected by a majority of party leaders, and given adequate power and funding to carry out the tasks it was mandated to do. Accountability and transparency are paramount to democracy and I hope that the Parliamentary Budget Office can be a prime example of a democratic institution within Canada.

For more information on this topic, here are some press releases in English and French:

<http://elizabethmaymp.ca/news/publications/press-releases/2013/03/22/may-praises-page-calls-for-major-pbo-changes/>

<http://elizabethmaymp.ca/fr/news/publications/press-releases/2013/03/22/may-praises-page-calls-for-major-pbo-changes/>

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely,

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