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en dons planifiés

June 18, 2018

The Honourable Terry M. Mercer
Chair
Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada, K1A 0A4

Re: Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector

Dear Senator Mercer:

We are writing to introduce the Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) to the Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector. CAGP is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to champion the growth and development of strategic charitable gift planning in Canada. We applaud the establishment of this Special Committee and its efforts to examine the impact of federal, provincial and territorial laws and policies governing charities, non-profit organizations, foundations and similar groups, and to examine the impact of the voluntary sector in Canada.

CAGP achieves its mission by promoting philanthropy and providing advanced education on strategic gift planning. We are the only Canadian professional association that convenes fundraisers and professional advisors, and our 1,200 members in 20 local Chapters throughout the country are experts with specialized skills to support donors to achieve personal philanthropic goals. Cornerstone to our mission is a 25-year history as a voice for the charitable sector, advocating for a beneficial tax and legislative environment that supports charitable giving.

As the Committee continues its deliberations, CAGP is available to offer its expertise and insights in relation to strategic charitable giving and the opportunities this presents for Canadian charities and donors. We would be very pleased to appear as a witness and make a submission regarding your work and the mission of CAGP.

Yours very truly,

Handwritten signature of Grant Monck in black ink.

Grant Monck, LL.B.
Chair, Government Relations Committee

Handwritten signature of Ruth MacKenzie in black ink.

Ruth MacKenzie
President & CEO

cc: Kevin Pittman, Committee Clerk, Senate of Canada
Amanda Stacey, Chair of the Board of Directors, CAGP