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**Hon. Stockwell Day, M.P.,  
President of the Treasury Board  
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6**

**Dear Minister:**

**RE: Breach of Government Procurement Policy**

**I wish to draw your attention to a major breach of the government procurement policy by the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Canada in 2009.**

**The PSC had a requirement for 4 consultants. They used the ACAN process and published their requirements. Unfortunately they took some actions which in my opinion undermined the purpose of the policy—to ensure transparency and fairness in the procurement process. The multi-year options transform these 4 small \$25K contracts into 4 lucrative \$100K contracts which would normally require a competitive award process.**

**I filed some access requests for documentation related to these ACANS. The documentation provided in the responses indicated that PSC officials had consulted with the designated consultants to tailor the contracts to those individuals. These contracts are commonly known as “wired” contracts. The fairness doctrine in public sector procurement was ignored. Other qualified consultants would have considerable difficulty demonstrating their skills and qualifications were equal to or better than the designated consultants.**

**I find it hard to believe that the Public Service Commission of Canada and a leader in human resources policy in the Government of Canada would disregard such a key procurement policy of the government especially with respect to fairness and transparency.**

**I request a review of the application of the ACAN contract policy at the PSC in this case.**

**I have attached some relevant documentation related to these ACANS and Canadians for Accountability. Please contact me if you need additional information.**

**Yours sincerely,  
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**cc: Hon. Shawn Murphy, MP, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee House of Commons, Dean Beebe, The Canadian Press, Ottawa.**