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Andrew Scheer, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Scheer,

I am writing to ask that you conduct an investigation into the activities of the former Member for Barrie, Ontario, Patrick Brown, between September 28, 2014 and May 14, 2015.

On September 28, 2014, Brown announced his intention to run in the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leadership race. Since that date, we noted that Brown's activities in the House of Commons were greatly affected and his absences more frequent.

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leadership race began on November 8, 2014. However, Brown announced his candidacy nearly 7 weeks prior to that on September 28, 2014.

The campaign and leadership race officially ended on Sunday, May 9.

During this period, Brown remained Member for Barrie and a member of the House of Commons. He officially resigned on May 13, 2015, a few days after his election as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

During his campaign, Brown spent a great deal of time on activities that had absolutely nothing to do with the normal duties of a federal Member of Parliament.

He participated in **debates on Ontario provincial politics**:

- November 24, 2014 in Sudbury: <http://www.torontosun.com/2014/11/24/pc-hopefuls-head-north-for-sudbury-debate>
- January 26, 2015 in London: [http://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2014/11/24/ontario\\_tory\\_leadership\\_candidates\\_urge\\_party\\_to\\_broaden\\_support\\_base.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2014/11/24/ontario_tory_leadership_candidates_urge_party_to_broaden_support_base.html)
- February 11, 2015 in Ottawa: <http://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2015/02/11/sparks-fly-at-pc-debate-over-patrick-browns-lack-of-a-seat.html>

- And a televised debate on May 1, 2015 in Toronto:

Patrick Brown retweeted  
 Steve Paikin @spaikin · May 1  
 if you missed it at 8, we're replaying the @brownbarrie @chriselliottpc  
 #pcpo leaders debate at 11 pm on @TheAgenda.



He organized and participated in **numerous fundraisers for his provincial campaign**, for example on April 27, 2015 in Willowdale, according to his own tweets:

- Tks to former Willowdale candidate Jovan Boseovski for organizing a great fundraiser this afternoon in Toronto #PCPO <http://t.co/jLFpXbyejK> Apr 27, 2015

Or again on May 8, 2015 in Scarborough:

- @brownbarrie · May 8: Great fundraiser this afternoon in Scarborough for my Ontario PC leadership campaign. Thanks to Stan & Sri #ForTheWin

He neglected his parliamentary work and **missed many votes in the House**. In fact, Brown's presence in the House of Commons was increasingly rare after the official start of the provincial leadership race.

Between November 8, 2014 and May 13, 2015, there were 131 votes in the House. Brown was only there for 31 of them. He missed 70% of the votes.

Brown was absent for at least 35 days of votes during the 6 months of his provincial campaign.

Here are the reasons for his numerous absences, according to his own tweets:

Date	Votes	Activités du député de Barrie pendant le vote
Nov 18	275	Enjoyed visiting Smith Falls this morning to meet with local Progressive Conservatives. Thanks to my... <a href="http://t.co/b7YGtIUhTP">http://t.co/b7YGtIUhTP</a> Nov 18, 2014
Nov 19	276-283	Pleased to speak to Ontario Home Builders' Association this afternoon at Queens Park #PCPO #Onpoli #PCLDR <a href="http://t.co/QRuEEXykit">http://t.co/QRuEEXykit</a> Nov 19, 2014
Nov 24	284-285	Great night at #Negev2014 dinner with friends MPP @GilaMartow ,Yossi Bouganim and Justin Linden #PCPO... <a href="http://t.co/uoHD4M3kG2">http://t.co/uoHD4M3kG2</a> Nov 24, 2014
Nov 25	286	The first PC leadership debate is over and I loved it ! #Ready4More #PCPO #PCLDR #Sudbury #Rebuilding... <a href="http://t.co/TNzQhmBZvt">http://t.co/TNzQhmBZvt</a> Nov 25, 2014
Nov 26	287-289	Come visit myself and Local NHL Alumnus @TroyCrowder in #Sudbury on Mon. Dec, 8th 2014 #PCleadership #PCPO #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/2hsfoTMIyh">http://t.co/2hsfoTMIyh</a> Dec 04, 2014
Dec 1	290	Nice evening in #Scarborough at the Canadian Tamil Medical Association "Lights of Healing" Gala with Dr Bahe. #PCPO <a href="http://t.co/93dB7tAaHi">http://t.co/93dB7tAaHi</a> Dec 01, 2014
Dec 3	291-299	Great meeting with friends from the Tamil community in #Ottawa #PCPO <a href="http://t.co/ROEDvZCild">http://t.co/ROEDvZCild</a> Dec 03, 2014
Dec 4	300-301	
Jan 26	311	Streaming tonight's debate via website: <a href="http://votepatrickbrown.ca">votepatrickbrown.ca</a> and tweeting live from London - follow along! #pclndebate #ForTheWin /tm Jan 26, 2015
Feb 2	318-319	Cooking up a Progressive Conservative revival in Windsor & Essex with Tecumseh

		<p>Cllr Andrew Dowie #PCPO... <a href="http://t.co/i3wtN9Owhe">http://t.co/i3wtN9Owhe</a> Feb 02, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Visited my alma mater at the University of #Windsor. Had a nice chat with President Dr Alan Wildeman about post secondary education. #PCPO Feb 02, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Great meeting this morning with Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens #PCPO #Rebuilding #ForTheWin #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/ZbuLyVI9JW">http://t.co/ZbuLyVI9JW</a> Feb 02, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 4	321	<p>Gujarati membership drive in Nepean this evening. Thanks to the Patel family for all their help on my campaign #PCPO <a href="http://t.co/czJkw7ARYd">http://t.co/czJkw7ARYd</a> Feb 04, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 16	330-334	<p>Great #PCPO membership drive event in Kitchener-Waterloo this afternoon with supporters of my PC leadership campaign <a href="http://t.co/iUWlo3XJgV">http://t.co/iUWlo3XJgV</a> Feb 16, 2015 ☞</p> <p>#Guelph membership drive for my #PCPO leadership campaign with @madelinesophia @72gnome @_ltheanna &amp; @justinvandaele <a href="http://t.co/QAZWyyvwvUR">http://t.co/QAZWyyvwvUR</a> Feb 16, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Fantastic #PCPO membership drive in #Hamilton this morning. Thanks to Rob, John, Dave &amp; Bill for a tremendous event. <a href="http://t.co/ljDKo59qxt">http://t.co/ljDKo59qxt</a> Feb 16, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Fantastic #PCPO membership drive at the Tamil Valentines Day Party. Thanks to Yogi and Sri for their help. #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/q66Ns6vYnr">http://t.co/q66Ns6vYnr</a> Feb 16, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Massive #PCPO membership drive in #Scarborough organized by my great friends Jerry &amp; Shinder Bance #ForTheWin #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/4YQXjtdwyA">http://t.co/4YQXjtdwyA</a> Feb 16, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 19	335-336	<p>Pleased to speak to Progressive Conservatives this afternoon at the Macdonald Cartier Club in #LdnOnt #PCPO #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/l2Sac4GITS">http://t.co/l2Sac4GITS</a> Feb 19, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Pleased to speak to #PCPO members in Niagara West Glanbrook this evening in Grimsby. #ForTheWin #Rebuilding #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/cNIYXBEpuk">http://t.co/cNIYXBEpuk</a> Feb 19, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 23	337-339	<p>Speaking at #PCPO membership drive in Toronto this afternoon. Thanks to my friends Mike, Gus &amp; Steve for hosting it <a href="http://t.co/uJUSINvesc">http://t.co/uJUSINvesc</a> Feb 23, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 24	340	<p>Membership drive for my #PCPO leadership campaign in #Hamilton #ForTheWin #Rebuilding #Onpoli <a href="https://t.co/MqGSLQDoIg">https://t.co/MqGSLQDoIg</a> Feb 24, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 25	341	<p>Speaking to students at #Redeemer in #Hamilton about my #PCPO leadership campaign #Onpoli #ForTheWin #OPCCA #PCYouth <a href="http://t.co/AplswTWfFh">http://t.co/AplswTWfFh</a> Feb 25, 2015 ☞</p>
Feb 26	342	<p>Incredible fundraiser with former Quebec Premier Jean Charest for my PC leadership campaign #PCPO #Onpoli #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/t6CvGnvwUO">http://t.co/t6CvGnvwUO</a> Feb 26, 2015 ☞</p>
March 9	343-345	<p>Pleased to be guest presenter at Uthayan International Award dinner in #Markham #PCPO #ForTheWin #Rebuilding #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/BaNb9bfR15">http://t.co/BaNb9bfR15</a> Mar 09, 2015 ☞</p>
March 12	352	<p>Enjoying dinner in #Belleville with friends Richard, Bob and Shelby. #PCPO #Rebuilding #ForTheWin #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/cXysINBeAC">http://t.co/cXysINBeAC</a> Mar 12, 2015 ☞</p> <p>Speaking to #PCPO members in Belleville about my leadership campaign. Loving the momentum in Prince Edward Hastings! <a href="http://t.co/FT9gumc0q5">http://t.co/FT9gumc0q5</a> Mar 12, 2015 ☞</p>
March 23	353	<p>Pleased to visit the Hamilton Filipino Centre. Tks to Bonner Villabroza for his help on my #PCPO leadership campaign. <a href="http://t.co/j1ocp4HV1V">http://t.co/j1ocp4HV1V</a> Mar 23, 2015 ☞</p>
March 24	354-362-	<p>It was a pleasure to spend some time this afternoon with my friend Toronto Greek Orthodox Arch Bishop Sotirios. <a href="http://t.co/xWA2tjvoGv">http://t.co/xWA2tjvoGv</a> Mar 24, 2015 ☞</p>
March 25	363-365	<p>Wonderful fundraiser with medical community in #Markham this evening. #PCPO #Onpoli #ForTheWin #Docs4Patrick #GTATory <a href="http://t.co/zUpy02Efrb">http://t.co/zUpy02Efrb</a> Mar 25, 2015 ☞</p>
March 26	366	<p>Pleased to attend #PCPO leadership debate in #Bowmanville this evening. #Onpoli #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/y2Ms4009Bb">http://t.co/y2Ms4009Bb</a> Mar 26, 2015 ☞</p>
March 31	369	<p>Pleased to meet with supporters of my #PCPO leadership campaign this afternoon in Vars, Ontario. #Onpoli #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/jtXks9HHEV">http://t.co/jtXks9HHEV</a> Mar 31, 2015</p>
April 1	370-374	<p>Great evening in Ottawa Orleans with new #PCPO members. #Onpoli #Rebuilding #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/8oMBV9FYAI">http://t.co/8oMBV9FYAI</a> Apr 01, 2015 ☞</p>
April 20	375-376	<p>Fantastic rally this evening in #Strathroy with MPP @MonteMcNaughton for my campaign for the Ontario PC leadership. <a href="http://t.co/VeTexMcpcA">http://t.co/VeTexMcpcA</a> Apr 20, 2015 ☞</p>

April 27	379	Huge campaign rally in Ottawa South this evening with Minister @PierrePoilievre & MP Pierre Liemeux. #ForTheWin #PCPO <a href="http://t.co/FxIM8LJCrU">http://t.co/FxIM8LJCrU</a> May 06, 2015 ☑
April 29	382-385	Thanking Tamil supporters in Ottawa this evening for supporting my PC leadership campaign #ForTheWin @Tamils4Patrick <a href="http://t.co/DORmWS3OWE">http://t.co/DORmWS3OWE</a> Apr 29, 2015
April 30	386-390	Huge crowd for my #PCPO leadership campaign in #Alexandria at the Bonnie Glen with @RoxanePC4GPR & MP Pierre Liemeux <a href="http://t.co/HfvlH4mBoc">http://t.co/HfvlH4mBoc</a> Apr 30, 2015
May 4	391-393	Pleased to outline my vision for Ontario at Swaminarayan Mandir in #Mississauga & receive blessings. #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/yKoKHdVUnW">http://t.co/yKoKHdVUnW</a> May 04, 2015
May 6	394-398	Huge campaign rally in Ottawa South this evening with Minister @PierrePoilievre & MP Pierre Liemeux. #ForTheWin #PCPO <a href="http://t.co/FxIM8LJCrU">http://t.co/FxIM8LJCrU</a> May 06, 2015
May 7	399	Campaigning with supporters in #Markham. Loving the turnout in the 905 ! #ForTheWin #PCPO #Onpoli <a href="http://t.co/9mskotWN6m">http://t.co/9mskotWN6m</a> May 07, 2015 ☑ Campaigning in Scarborough Guildwood with @abrahamelias18 for #PCPO #GOTV #ForTheWin <a href="http://t.co/99Ch0L5zy7">http://t.co/99Ch0L5zy7</a> May 07, 2015 ☑
May 11	400	Speech in Ontario legislature <a href="http://toronto.ctvnews.ca/new-pc-leader-patrick-brown-makes-first-speech-in-ontario-legislature-1.2369541">http://toronto.ctvnews.ca/new-pc-leader-patrick-brown-makes-first-speech-in-ontario-legislature-1.2369541</a>
May 12	401-402	

For more than 8 months, Brown dedicated his time and energy to the Ontario PC leadership race. He took part in debates, interviews, partisan events and fundraisers.

None of these activities have anything to do with his work as Member for the riding of Barrie and/ or as a member of the federal Conservative caucus.

This investigation should also be extended to the other parliamentary resources made available to the Member for Barrie, including the use of his cell phone and other electronic resources.

We also hope that the Board of Internal Economy investigates all of Brown's other activities during this period and verifies whether or not they were connected to his duties as MP.

Finally, we understand that Brown did not take a leave without pay to work full-time on his campaign for the Ontario PC leadership race. He was still receiving his salary, paid for by taxpayers across the country.

Sincerely,



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