

August 05, 2013

The Honourable Kerry-Lynn Findlay
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

RE: CRA withholding 2012 tax assessments

Dear Ms. Findlay,

No doubt you are very aware of the current abusive tactics which the Winnipeg Division of the CRA has imposed on Canadian citizens who participated in registered profitable gifting arrangements in 2012. And no doubt you are aware of the Ficek vs AGC case where a precedent was set rebuking the CRA for its deterrence policy using the notice of assessment as ransom. As of today, rather than complying with its own policy of assessing all tax returns "with all due dispatch" and obeying the law, CRA continues on its abusive course, seemingly with your support. How can this be? Are policies and laws only applicable to the citizens but not those in or work for the government? This is how a democratic country operates? How does the government expect its citizens to follow and comply with the law when itself is an offender and abuses its citizens?

Our government should not discourage or frustrate citizens who follow the law and desire to do the right thing. I believe I have participated in a legitimate registered profitable gifting arrangement in 2012. Until the court has decided otherwise I would like to have my tax return assessed with due dispatch and my rightful tax refund returned to me.

Today the image of those in government is not a flattering one. People are very disappointed with the behaviors of our politicians and those in authority. That is very sad. Even sadder is the fact that it seems there is no will to change. I hate to think what our country will be like when our tolerance level is pushed beyond its limit. If what is happening in the rest of the world is an indication, I have nothing but extreme fear and sadness for my children and the many good people of our country.

I sincerely hope the Minister will do the right thing and urge CRA to comply with its own policy and respect the precedent that has been set by the courts in respect to this matter.

Sincerely,

