

Liberal leader Doug Eyolfson's response to A4C's letter (below) regarding the Finance Committee's recommendation to remove charitable status from churches.

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Date: On Monday, August 11th, 2025 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Re: Budget 2025 – Reject Anti-Charity Measures Undermining Canada's Foundations

To: Pierre

Hello Pierre,

Thank you for contacting the office of MP Doug Eyolfson, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg West.

We appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding the December 2024 pre-budget Recommendations 429 and 430. MP Eyolfson has reviewed your message and asked me to thank you for raising this important issue. Your feedback is valuable in ensuring our work reflects the priorities of the community.

The Liberal government has always recognized the vital role of faith-based charitable organizations in Canada's social fabric. These organizations provide essential services both locally and internationally, and **the government has never considered removing their charitable status.**

The recommendations you mentioned were part of a December 2024 report from the bipartisan Standing Committee on Finance, which included members from all four major political parties (LPC, CPC, BQ, NDP). This 12-member committee produced 460 recommendations, including Recommendations 429 and 430. While the committee's work is important in informing discussions, it does not have legislative authority, and its recommendations are **advisory** only, they do not represent government policy.

We remain committed to the promises made during the election campaign and to working toward legislation that benefits all Canadians. If there are specific ways you believe we can better support charitable and faith-based organizations, we welcome your suggestions and would be happy to discuss them further.

Thank you again for your engagement and advocacy on this matter.

Kind regards,



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Letter from Action4Canada Winnipeg Chapter Leader

From: Pierre

Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:32 AM

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Subject: Budget 2025 – Reject Anti-Charity Measures Undermining Canada's Foundations

Dear Prime Minister Carney, Minister Champagne, and Ms. Gould,

Re: Budget 2025 – Reject Anti-Charity Measures Undermining Canada's Foundations

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed revocation of charitable status for churches, as outlined in the 2025 pre-budget proposal and the targeted threat to charge a 'revocation tax', to the sum of 100% of their assets. This is more than an attack against faith-based organizations, it is premeditated robbery and extortion which are indictable offenses according to s.346(1) and s343 of the Criminal Code of Canada. You have been duly warned.

Churches are not just places of worship—they are vital community institutions that feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, support families, offer childcare, counsel the broken, provide addiction support, and countless other charitable services benefiting residents of all backgrounds. The 'Halo Effect' results in churches contributing billions of dollars in aid to their communities in charitable services that directly strengthen communities across Canada. The value they return far exceeds any tax exemption they receive.

The BC Humanist Association and similar groups are heavily lobbying the government to remove these vital supports. This is not a matter of fairness; it is an ideologically driven attack on faith, tradition, and the moral foundations of our country.

Let's be clear: Canada is a Christian nation, founded on Judeo-Christian biblical principles, and churches have always played a central role in building strong, compassionate communities. They deserve continued support—not targeted hostility.

Therefore, I urge you to fulfill your oath of office by defending the Constitution, upholding the rule of law, protecting our churches, and refusing to let ideological hostility dictate national policy.

Sincerely,

Pierre