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RE: FALSE STATEMENT IN CALGARY SUN ARTICLE

Dear Your Worship Mayor Naheed Nenshi,

On behalf of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, I write to you today to demand you issue an immediate apology and retraction of your false statement about our organization.

In the Wednesday, June 17th edition of the Calgary Sun, in [an article](#) by Dave Dormer entitled “Lobby groups says vote should precede new city tax powers,” you are quoted claiming the CTF “spent millions of dollars running the no side” of the recent transit tax campaign in the lower mainland of BC. This wildly inaccurate statement was made immediately after you publicly questioned the credibility of our organization.

In fact, the No Translink Tax campaign, run almost entirely by the CTF, spent only [\\$39,687.95](#). It was the mayors advocating for the Translink tax hike that spent \$6 million taxpayer dollars campaigning for the Yes side.

These numbers have been widely known and [widely reported](#) in both local [Vancouver](#) and [national](#) media.

In fact, our campaign disclosed our donors and the total money raised [twice](#) during the referendum campaign, whereas the mayors only disclosed their total spending after the vote had closed.

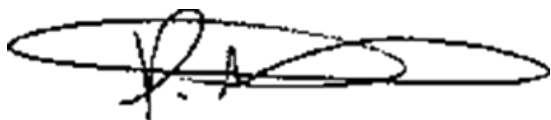
Our organization has a great deal of credibility on the proposed taxation and specifically on the proposed Translink tax in BC. We would hope that any mayor discussing a potential referendum for new tax powers in their jurisdiction would strive to represent the actual facts as we do every day.

Perhaps most importantly, the CTF is supported by voluntary donations. It is significantly disappointing that our voluntary donors and supporters, as well as the general public, were misled by your comments in the Calgary Sun. Your comments questioning our credibility due to the millions you claim we spent on

our campaign, implies that we have ulterior motives. It casts aspersions upon our organization.

Again, we ask that you take immediate action to apologize and retract your statement. We would also suggest you endeavour to google these issues before you begin spreading false information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. MacPherson', enclosed within a large, horizontal oval scribble.

Paige MacPherson
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cc: Alberta Media

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