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28 Jan. 2022

The Hon. Filomena Tassi, MP, Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas  
Minister of Public Services and Procurement  
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario  
Email: [omitted]

RE: Your (year 2022) calendar, just received by Canada Post delivery.

Dear Minister Tassi,

Let me thank you for this most welcome gift!

Not that we having any urgent need for more calendars – many of the charitable foundations we regularly support started sending out such already last fall – but the photos of all the animals (and yourself) are really heart-warming. What good citizen would not be delighted by such?

There is just a little fly in the ointment, namely several of the depicted animals are not native to Canada, like, for example the “Whitetail deer, *Odocoileus virginianus*”, shown both on the cover and for the month of May. This sub-species of the common White tail deer is only to be found in Virginia and other states of the southern U.S. – and not in Canada.

There other photos in your calendar that are similarly wrong in showing what most recipients would think are depictions of “Canadian Wildlife” – as is also stated on the front cover.

This leaves me to conclude that this calendar was not even produced in Canada (there is no indication of the actual printer, where when and by whom such photos were taken).

Presumably most Canadians would be aghast to learn that this country’s Minister of Public Services and Procurement is using foreign material to advertise the government’s services, quite likely also produced outside Canada.

What a sad example of ministerial responsibility and leadership.

Sincerely,

/cc: The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; [email address omitted]  
The Hon. Erin O’Toole, Leader of the Official Opposition; [email address omitted]

/bcc: Media, and others