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The Honourable David Tkachuk
Room 401- Victoria Building
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The Honourable George Furey
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Dear Senators Tkachuk and Furey,

Yesterday, the Senate referred back to your Committee your twenty-second report (Examination of Senator Duffy's Primary and Secondary Residence Status) so that it can be reconsidered in view of recent public allegations of double-billing and other questionable living expense claims by Senator Duffy.

In view of the widespread media stories questioning whether the proceedings of the committee on the original report were conducted in an impartial and independent manner, I request that you proceed with the reconsideration of the report in public.

In order to regain the public's trust, Canadians need to be reassured that this crisis will be dealt with fairly, impartially and comprehensively, and that can only be achieved by ensuring that all future meetings on this matter are held in public.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James S. Cowan', written in a cursive style.

James S. Cowan