

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship  
c/o Committee Clerk  
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**Subject: Written submission for PIPA review**

Dear Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship,

Thank you for the invitation to submit input for consideration regarding the review of the Personal Information Protection Act. I am writing on behalf of Volunteer Alberta. Our organization works to create the conditions for communities of wellbeing and belonging through civic engagement and volunteerism. As a member-based organization, we directly serve more than 1400 nonprofit organizations throughout the province.

The *Emerging Issues: The Personal Information and Protection Act* document shared by the committee poses the question: “should all non-profit organizations be fully subject to PIPA for all their activities?”

Volunteer Alberta’s stance is that they should not.

As of January 2024, the Government of Alberta reported that there were 25,929 active nonprofit organizations in the province. According to Statistic Canada’s 2003 National Survey of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations, the majority of organizations (58%) are completely volunteer run, having no paid staff. This lack of organizational capacity will make it difficult – if not completely impossible – for the majority of nonprofit organizations to adhere to PIPA legislation.

We recommend that nonprofit organizations continue to remain exempt from PIPA legislation as outlined in the current Act.

However we also applaud the committee’s interest in modernizing the Act so that it addresses current and future challenges in Alberta.

Should you have any questions I may be reached at [mstrickertalbot@volunteeralberta.ab.ca](mailto:mstrickertalbot@volunteeralberta.ab.ca) or

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