

## ***The Community, Accountability, and Transparency Councils***

*Dear (Addressed to individual) Councillors, MP's or Honorable*

*Please allow us to introduce ourselves. The Community, Accountability, and Transparency Councils (CATCs) is a Nationwide initiative to bridge the gap between our communities and our elected representatives. This civil rights initiative has been formed to help the rate payers of your constituency to exercise their right of civic engagement in all levels of Government and Institutions. Across western democracies people have dropped out of the political process, no longer trusting their voice matters. The CATCs vision is to aid in correcting this misunderstanding.*

*Consisting of people from within your community, a local CATC has been formed. The intent, vision, and model of the Community, Accountability, & Transparency Council is to:*

- bridge the gap between elected representatives and constituents*
- re-engage voters in the community*
- establish an effective process for meaningful debate and engagement*
- engage voters in the existing political process by allowing their voices to be heard*
- engage at all levels of political and institutional systems*
- ensure elected representatives are being accountable, transparent, moral, ethical in their responsibilities and decisions for the best interest of their community.*
- ensure fiscal responsibility ideals of community are up-held by elected representatives*
- support elected representatives with in an open line of communication, with mutual respect, trust and striving for excellence for the prosperity of the community.*
- implement public forums for education and transparency to re-examine proposed municipal/ provincial policies, laws, permits, decrees, amendments and such. (open Town Hall debates) in cooperation and collaboration with elected representatives.*

### ***WHAT YOU AS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE CAN EXPECT;***

- The CATC will meet with you and share information on a regular schedule.*
- You will benefit by gaining incredible support by being involved with your CATC group.*
- You will receive grass roots information on the will, wishes, desires and priorities of your constituents and have your finger on the pulse of your community.*
- You will be viewed in the community as a Proactive Representative.*

*This exact solution is being presented to each and every political representative across the country by concerned citizens who have formed a CATC in each riding. We are not a new political party, nor are we aligned with any political party. CATC consists of a Volunteer National Council and a Local Council. Essentially an oversight committee, special interest group and lobby group for ordinary citizens.*

### ***WHAT CATC EXPECTS FROM YOU THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE***

*Regular scheduled in-person meetings, town halls, and open forum discussions. A commitment to be accountable and transparent to the people of your community first.*