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Dear Mr. Janse:

I am addressing this letter to you in your capacity of Secretary to the Board of Internal Economy and I will ask that you communicate this letter to the other members of the Board.

I understand that the secretariat of the Board recently received a complaint respecting my potential use of House of Commons resources in a manner contrary to the Board's *Members By-law* in relation to a video aired at a provincial political party convention. I understand that the practice when such a complaint is made is for the House Administration to examine the matter and to report its findings and recommendations to the Board. Also, as you know, this matter was the subject of much public discussion and discussed in the recent report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs entitled *Speaker's Public Participation at an Ontario Liberal Party Event*, presented to the House of Commons on December 14, 2023.

In accordance with sections 12(4) and 13 of the *Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons*, I wish to inform the Board that my private interest may be affected by this matter and that I will accordingly recuse myself and not participate in the proceedings of the Board, including debates and votes, in relation to the said matter.

Sincerely,

Hon. Greg Fergus, P.C., M.P.