

*"Rise in the presence of the aged, and honour the face of the old man. . ."*  
-Leviticus 19:32

## ***Elder Advocates Of Alberta Society (1992)***

HAND DELIVERED

March 23, 201

The Honourable Ms. Kathleen Ganley  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
# 424, Alberta Legislature Building,  
Edmonton, AB.

Dear Ms. Minister:

REFERENCE- The Powers of Attorney Act RSA 2000, cp-20 (POA)

Thank you, your Chief of Staff, Andrew Tarver and Clara Cerminara, Legislative Specialist, Alberta Justice, for meeting with members of our Working Group this afternoon.

We articulated for you the result of the abuse which the Powers of Attorney Act may cause. We receive complaints from across the province which document that this legislation fails to protect vulnerable seniors but rather allows harm, facilitates theft, we allege this legislation to be **a license to steal**.

We presented to you, the creation of a Government Registry as a solution to provide oversight for all Powers of Attorney contracts. You indicated that this solution was too costly.

Since this is a problem that will only get worse, it is incumbent on government to provide oversight and penalty for the abuse of the Powers of Attorney. Despite the fact that they are currently private contracts, this should not prevent the Government of Alberta from providing a remedy.

What remedy does your government consider?

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Seniors need protection. If our solution of a Registry with transparency is not appropriate please indicate the solution that your department feels is more appropriate.

We look forward to further discussions with your office regarding this prevalent problem. With the coming Tsunami of wealth transfer from one generation to the baby boomer generation, this problem of preying on seniors / financial abuse will only worsen.

Please allow us to be in receipt of your response by the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,

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