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Good morning,

The following is my statement in response to the Notice of Hearing, dated February 14, 2024, regarding Sol Orwell's exceedance of the multi-candidate contribution limit as reported by BDO Canada LLP.

As required, I used the City of Toronto's Electronic Financial Filing System (EFFS) software for recording my campaign contributor information and submitting my campaign return (Form 4) financial details. EFFS provided no indication regarding this multi-candidate contribution issue to me. Accordingly, seemingly with or without EFFS, there is no way for a candidate's CFO (unofficial), individual candidate or individual campaign Auditor to detect a multi-candidate over contribution by a contributor. My campaign website's donation page clearly presented the rules for contribution limits (to individual candidate's and multiple candidates) to contributors who would contribute to my campaign. A contributor was required to check a box to acknowledge this information prior to making a contribution to my campaign. The donor in question, Sol Orwell, did check off this box prior to making a contribution to my campaign.

Accordingly, from my perspective the contributor had acknowledged understanding the contribution limit rules and the contribution was in good faith received. If there was a way to resolve this issue before the submission of our 2022 Audited Form 4 return over a year ago, I would have done so.

Sincerely,
Ausma Malik