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July 28, 2025

Mr. Fabio Ovettoni  
[REDACTED]

**Re: File No. PSIC-D-2025-0722**

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This letter is in response to the disclosure of wrongdoing that you made to my Office on July 7, 2025, pursuant to subsection 33(1) of the *Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act* (the Act). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my decision not to proceed with an investigation into your allegations for the reasons outlined below.

The Act provides a process for public servants employed in the federal public sector to disclose wrongdoing in the workplace. Any other person, who is not a federal public servant, can also make a disclosure to my Office about wrongdoing in or relating to the federal public sector. Before I may commence an investigation based on information received from a person who is not a public servant, subsection 33(1) of the Act provides that I must have reason to believe that wrongdoing, as defined under section 8 of the Act, has been committed. I must also have reasonable grounds to believe that the public interest requires an investigation, taking into account sections 23 and 24 of the Act, which set out the restrictions and discretionary factors to be considered in deciding whether to commence an investigation.

It is important to note that the Act applies to wrongdoings "in or relating to the public sector". The definitions of "public sector" and "public servant" under subsection 2(1) of the Act do not include Members of Parliament, including current or former Cabinet Ministers. Consequently, my Office does not have jurisdiction to investigate allegations against the Honourable Chrystia Freeland or the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez.

After a careful review of your allegations, none of the information provided suggests that wrongdoing, as defined under the Act, may have occurred, such as to give me reasonable grounds to commence an investigation. For example, you have not indicated which, if any, legislation, regulations, or other obligations may have been contravened by Transport Canada.

In light of the foregoing, I am of the opinion that your allegations do not constitute wrongdoing as defined under the Act. As such, the requirements under subsection 33(1) of the Act have not been met and an investigation will not be commenced into your disclosure. Consequently, the file is hereby closed.

Please note that my decision is final and that there is no appeal process under the Act. However, an application for judicial review of the decision may be brought to the Federal Court of Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line that ends in a small hook.

Harriet Solloway  
Commissioner