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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you as the Leader of the Liberal Party to bring attention to a longstanding but neglected issue, the opacity of reasoning behind rejecting nominators for candidates.

The *Canada Elections Act* empowers individuals authorized by a political party to endorse (or withhold endorsement) of a prospective candidate without providing a reason. I believe that both Candidate Nomination Rules for political parties in Canada and the *Canada Elections Act* should require those individuals with the authorization to endorse candidates or prospective candidates to give specific reasons for their endorsement.

Consequently, I advocate to amend s.67(4)(c) of the *Canada Elections Act*. It currently reads: "(c) if applicable, an instrument in writing, signed by the person or persons authorized by the political party to endorse prospective candidates that states that the prospective candidate is endorsed by the party." I contend that after the word 'party', we should add "with reasons for their endorsement of the candidate or prospective candidate or nomination contestant."

I hope you will join me in supporting such an amendment. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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