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Christopher Alemany
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Dear Mr. Alemany:

Thank you for your letter and proposal concerning Open Social Web.

Many Members, their staff, members of the Press Gallery and Canadians use social networks as a primary tool for consuming news, sharing stories of interest or to comment on news or information. The House of Commons established a presence on social networks in 2017, with a consistent branding, to share information and, critically, to provide Members increased and mobile access to relevant parliamentary information so that they may share this information with their social media followers.

Although the creation of an Open Social Web would present a promising opportunity with several advantages for the House of Commons, as enumerated in your letter, it also brings numerous challenges and risks to the organization (e. g. extensive engagement from many stakeholders, adoption of specialized and secure infrastructure and the need for content moderation and curation).

To date, we have had no requests for this type of service from Members. This would be a substantial undertaking that would require direction and approval from the Board of Internal Economy (BOIE) before being considered for prioritization and implementation. Even if mandated to offer such a service, we would be unable to ensure its adoption and widespread use among parliamentarians.

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Thank you for your interest, and please be assured of our continuous support for more open, secure, engaging and informative multi-channel experiences for our users.

Sincerely,



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

- c.c.: Honourable Greg Fergus, Speaker of the House of Commons and Chair of the Board of Internal Economy
- c.c.: Eric Janse, Clerk of the House of Commons
- c.c.: Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments
- c.c.: Ben Carr, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs
- c.c.: Honourable Anita Anand, Member of Parliament for Oakville, Ontario and President of the Treasury Board
- c.c.: Honourable Terry Beech, Member of Parliament for Burnaby North-Seymour and Minister of Citizen Services
- c.c.: Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Member of Parliament for Quebec and Minister of Public Services and Procurement
- c.c.: Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Member of Parliament for Gatineau and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
- c.c.: Michael Cooper, Member of Parliament for St. Albert—Edmonton, Alberta and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs
- c.c.: Marie-Hélène Gaudreau, Member of Parliament for Laurentides—Labelle, Quebec and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs
- c.c.: Peter Julian, Member of Parliament for New Westminster—Burnaby, British Columbia New Westminster-Burnaby and House Leader for the New Democratic Party
- c.c.: Gord Johns, Member of Parliament for Courtenay—Alberni, British Columbia
- c.c.: Paula Simons, Senator for Alberta and Deputy Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry