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The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif, Ph.D.

**Ottawa , January 29, 2014** - Alberta Senator Claudette Tardif welcomes the decision announced this morning by the Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Mr. Justin Trudeau, which aims to maintain and strengthen the independence of the Senate.

“In recent months, many Canadians have clearly stated their desire for a Senate that is independent of the influence of the House of Commons and responsive to their concerns. The bold move taken today is an important step in restoring the confidence of Canadians in the Upper Chamber,” said Senator Tardif.

“This decision represents a positive change that allows the Senate to better fulfill the role entrusted to it by the Founding Fathers of Confederation: to represent regions and minorities and to provide sober second thought to legislation passed by the House of Commons,” stated Senator Tardif.

“As a Senator from Alberta, I will continue to do the same work as before, to examine bills in accordance with the interests of the region and the communities that I represent.”

“I welcome Mr. Trudeau’s firm commitment to increase the independence of the Senate, and thus meet the expectations of Canadians,” concluded Senator Tardif.

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