

Senator defends Harper Tories' attack on the charitable sector, as green leaders deconstruct it

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"In many cases, not only is there extensive funding from corporations and business interests of issues that might be on the other side of this argument...but you actually can't see where the funding comes from.

"So it's not just a double standard, it's one that's not even a level playing field," said Robinson.

Senator Plett, however, says there's an important distinction between charitable funding and foreign investment.

"It's not a double standard—I'm not opposing Tides bringing money here to Canada doing lobbying here in Canada, as long as it's not done under the guise of charity," he said.

"We dearly need foreign investment in our country. I have no argument with that at all...It's just charities, that we should have some form of legislation that prevents charitable organizations from other countries coming in here and using those dollars to work against what I personally believe is in the best interests of Canada."

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