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I tried to come up with a short text in case we wanted to give the NRC something to work with?

As experts and industry leaders, VTF members provide invaluable insight -- all on a volunteer basis -- to help the government make sound evidence-based decisions to protect the health and safety of Canadians during the pandemic. Members of the Task Force were appointed because of their significant experience in vaccines -- experience that is critical to providing the best possible advice to the government. As experts with deep experience in vaccines, Task Force members naturally have ties to various companies in their field of expertise. This is why we have taken steps to ensure there is a sound protocol in place to manage potential conflicts of interests. The process related to this advice is in line with similar task forces around the world. All members are committed to ensuring the integrity of the advice and will continue to recuse themselves from providing advice on projects where there is a conflict. This protocol ([hyperlink](#)) is on line with members who are not public office holders and embodies international best practices. To ensure the utmost transparency, a registry of recusal is available and will be updated following all decisions (not sure the frequency)

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