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


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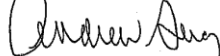

Dear Professor Schwartz:

Re: Underneath the Golden Boy

Thank you for your recent e-mail correspondence regarding the *Underneath the Golden Boy* Journal. This annual publication is a valuable review of legislative developments in Manitoba. As provincial legislation affects all citizens of Manitoba, *Underneath the Golden Boy* is a useful resource for me, my staff and the general public that provides insightful analysis of the bills and laws being passed in Manitoba and debates.

I wish you continuing success with the *Underneath the Golden Boy* Journal.

Yours truly,



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Re: Underneath the Golden Boy

Dear Professor Schwartz,

I am writing to provide you with my opinion on *Underneath the Golden Boy*. Let me first applaud you and the law students of Robson Hall for writing, compiling, and editing *Underneath the Golden Boy* each year. It is without question one of the most valuable assessments of our provincial legislative process.

I have served as an MLA in Manitoba for over ten years. During my tenure, I've had the opportunity to read and debate scores of bills; a large proportion of which, at present exist as Manitoba law.

Let me take this opportunity to also highlight the impact our bills have on Manitobans. Each year we usually debate approximately 50 government bills and roughly 20 opposition bills. The bills that receive royal assent become laws which govern all Manitobans. Cumulatively, these bills have an enormous influence on the well-being of our citizens. They impact the departmental budgets, the annual expenditures, the nature of investments, and the business climate in Manitoba which in turn affects the provincial economy and the social services in place for our citizens. Simply put, our provincial body of law is of paramount importance to the daily lives of our citizens. It is therefore vital that there be careful scrutiny of this process by an independent source that provides more scholarly analysis than media coverage.

In 1927, Hungarian Biochemist Albert Szent-Gyorgyi received the Nobel Prize for Medicine. He was quoted as stating, "Research is to see what **everybody** else has seen, and to think what **nobody** else has thought."

Manitoba bills and legislative debates are readily accessible to the public, both online as well as in print in various libraries across Manitoba. However, the mere availability of bills, debates, and committee minutes, is tantamount to providing what Albert Szent-Gyorgyi claimed, research that **everybody** could see.

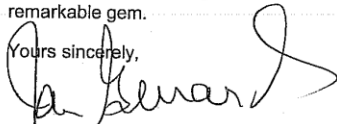
The mere availability of bills and debates is not tantamount to a rigorous, analytical examination of the legislative process itself or of the genesis of each bill and outcome following Royal Assent. That is where *Underneath the Golden-Boy* steps in – adding a vital and savvy analysis of the legislative process to both our public discourse and to our long-term historical records. *Underneath the Golden-Boy* provides analysis akin to what Albert Szent-Gyorgyi stated about good research – being thoughts that "**nobody** else has thought." Many chapters therein pry into the heart of the most note-worthy bills of our time, offering insightful counter-points, incorporating media commentary of the day, and incorporating relevant civil and legislative jurisprudence in deliberations therein.

I can state unequivocally that *Underneath the Golden Boy* is the best current assessment of laws being passed in Manitoba today. It provides a superlative academic and critical assessment of the positive and negative aspects of our bills and debates. Simply put, it is an intellectual and historic asset.

I certainly hope to read many future editions of *Underneath the Golden Boy*.

On a final point, let me state that although it may be possible at some point to have an electronic version of *Underneath the Golden Boy*, I prefer reading my editions in book or hard-copy form. Although electronic version would help further promulgate this remarkable gem.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Professor Schwartz:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment regarding *Underneath the Golden Boy*. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you, as the Editor-in-Chief, as well as the publication's many contributors, for the thoughtful analysis, attention to detail, and informed commentary that is characteristic of this important publication.

Underneath the Golden Boy captures the many nuances of the legislative process that often go unnoticed by media, pundits, and members of the public. The publication is second to none in its analysis of the process by which a bill becomes - or fails to become - law.

As a legislator, I find *Underneath the Golden Boy* to be a useful tool, as it provides an objective assessment of both the proposed laws themselves and the process by which they are introduced, debated, amended, and passed. I know that our staffers regularly review the publication. Finally - and perhaps most importantly - issues of *Underneath the Golden Boy* will be an important tool for students of politics and history. While reading the text of a bill or a transcript from *Hansard* can be a useful exercise, only *Underneath the Golden Boy* provides the context that is often pivotal to understanding the potential impact of a bill on the lives of everyday Manitobans.

Finally, you have asked for comment on whether *Underneath the Golden Boy* would be better received in electronic form. I enjoy the hard copy version myself and would encourage you to continue publishing it. In addition however, an electronic version may make the publication accessible to a wider audience.

Once again, thank you for continuing to provide our office with copies of *Underneath the Golden Boy*. I wish you continued success with this important publication.

Yours truly,

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Hi Darcy,

It's been awhile! I thought that you may be interested in knowing that the MLJ and Robson Hall are being tracked in Finland! Best, Bruce.

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