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Canadian MP starts wearing body camera to avoid false allegations

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USPA News - Canadian politician Peter Goldring has called on his fellow members of parliament to take precautions to protect themselves against false allegations, adding that he is now using body cameras in the wake of sex abuse allegations against other MPs. Goldring, a Conservative MP who represents Edmonton East, said on Wednesday that he learned from past encounters with authority figures that not all of them tell the truth.

He criticized accusers for `hiding behind shields of supposed credibility and a cloak of anonymity,` adding that words are no longer sufficient to reject false accusations. "It will not be good enough to simply say that your intentions were honorable and you were just inviting a colleague to your apartment at two in the morning to play a game of Scrabble at the end of a day of playing sports and drinking," Goldring said. "I now wear `protection` in the form of body-worn video recording equipment. I suggest that others do so too." The member of parliament also criticized Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau for suspending two Liberal MPs from caucus without due process. One New Democrat MP has spoken anonymously in the media about an incident in March, alleging that a Liberal MP had "sex without explicit consent" with her after joining him for a drink in his hotel room. The accuser told The Star newspaper earlier this week that she "froze" when the Liberal MP grabbed her as she passed besides the bed, after which they had sex. The Liberal MP, whose name is being withheld from this report because he has not been charged, has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and expressed his discontent with the public statements made by his accuser. The New Democrat MP told The Star that she has no plans to go to the police. A second New Democrat MP has alleged to have been harassed by another Liberal MP, but the nature of that allegation has not been made public.

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