Dear Minister Moore,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the changes to this policy. My prime concern is for the health of myself and my family. While I recognize that it is the mandate of Health Canada to protect Canadians from environmental pollution, the actions of Industry Canada in this regard could have great impact.

Your proposal to require notification for towers only, will have the effect of prompting industry to put more of them on rooftops and hydro poles, where they are closer to people. This is not acceptable, especially knowing that the research is growing day by day about the negative health effects of microwave radiation on people. The resulting heavy toll to public health could well outweigh the benefits of more antennae. While this may not be your intention, it may still be the result, and with devastating consequences, both to public health and our government’s ability to pay for all of the unintended health costs.

Further, municipalities should have the ability to decide on cell towers, not the federal government. Part and parcel of this is the need to allow citizen concerns relating to health to be given as much consideration as height concerns or any other. The federal government should not be able to take away this public right.

In summary, Industry Canada needs to show more openness to the health concerns of Canadians. It needs to make the location of cellular antennae more public. And it needs to recognize and allow municipalities to determine the appropriateness of cell towers in their own communities.

Yours truly,

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