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Dear Mr. Skora,

Re: Rogers Cantel Inc. Application for 2500 MHz MCS Spectrum

I am writing to express my support for Cantel’s MCS application.

As MPP for Toronto Centre-Rosedale, I am a staunch supporter of any initiative that brings more competition in telecommunications services to my constituents and Ontarians in general. The leading edge technology that Cantel proposes to implement will enhance the ability of Ontarians in my riding and elsewhere to create new jobs. These services will also facilitate economic development. Further, the fact that Cantel is proposing to provide both high-speed Internet access as well as local telephone service in competition with the incumbents will benefit my constituents by providing them with alternative access to the information highway and choice of local telephone service providers.

I am also fully supportive of initiatives that will enhance the education received by Ontario students. Without a doubt, Cantel’s Learning Plan is one such initiative. The Cantel Learning Fund guarantees millions of dollars annually for much needed educational initiatives, while deep discounts on telecommunications services and facilities will help the educational sector obtain much needed services at reduced costs.

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It is my belief that Canadian residents and businesses will benefit greatly by the added choice and leading edge services offered by Cantel's proposed MCS system. Moreover, Cantel's Learning Plan will help the educational sector by providing much needed resources and affordably connecting schools to each other and to the students they are meant to reach.

Sincerely

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