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Honorable Rona Ambrose
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House of Commons
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Dear Minister Ambrose,

I am writing in regards to Safety Code 6 which governs standards for electromagnetic radiation emitted by wireless devices. I wish to echo the concerns of my colleagues Mrs. Libby Davies (NDP Critic for Health) who has raised this issue during Question Period and in previous correspondance, and Mr. Alex Atamanenko (British Columbia Southern Interior) who put forward motion M-355 on this topic in April 2012.

This issue is of great concern to the citizens of my constituency, LaSalle-Émard, as Hydro-Quebec is currently installing thousands of radiofrequency-emitting "SmartMeters" in Montréal homes and businesses.

Exposure to electromagnetic radiation can alter biological pathways in tissues and adversely affect human health. In fact, the World Health Organization has given radiofrequency electromagnetic fields a Group 2B classification indicating that they are possibly carcinogenic to humans. Given the proliferation of wireless technology, including Québec's implementation of wireless utility monitoring, a stringent review of standards is required.

I am pleased to support the following requests made by Canadians for Safe Technology in July of this year:

> "Out of sincere concern for the health of Canadians at all stages of life – from the developing fetus through childhood and into adulthood – we respectfully request that:

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i) Health Canada develops and support strategies to raise awareness about microwave radiation impacts and to minimize prolonged exposure to microwave radiation in schools and other places where children are regularly exposed.

ii) As Health Canada has acknowledged that a full literature review was not part of its latest update of Safety Code 6, we request a comprehensive literature review for all age ranges with less reliance on industry-funded studies.

iii) Health Canada provides guidelines and resources to assist Canadian physicians in becoming apprised of microwave exposure and related health problems and clinical presentations that may be associated with over-exposure or sensitivity."

I urge you to contemplate these requests and give full consideration to Canadians for Safe Technology's submissions to the 2014 Public Consultation of Safety Code 6.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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