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The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Dear Minister Ambrose,

I have met with several of my constituents who have raised concerns about the possible effects of wireless radiation on themselves and their families. As you are aware, the Royal Society of Canada was hired by Health Canada to perform an independent review of Health Canada's Safety Code 6.

Based on the information presented to me, I am concerned that the Royal Society Expert Panel report that was published on April 1, 2014 was prepared by an Expert Panel that included remaining members who hold conflicting ties to the industry that benefits from the use of wireless technology. In addition, some panel members have been very public in their beliefs that there is no harm to humans from levels below Safety Code 6. There was no counterbalancing perspective on this panel. I understand that Health Canada has committed to consult further with Canadians prior to finalizing the revised Safety Code 6. I encourage you to follow international scientific best practices, including full transparency as to how data was sought, selected, weighed and synthesized to answer specific questions. In addition there should be disclosure of interests of all panel members and HC scientists involved in the revision.

I am also concerned that Safety Code 6 may not be keeping up with the rapid proliferation of technology as it relates to cell phones and towers, smart meters, Wi-Fi, esp. in schools, baby monitors and portable phones. I understand that Safety Code 6 was created in the 1970's primarily for individuals working or visiting federal buildings and has not undergone any major revisions since then. It is also my understanding that Canadians for Safe Technology, C4ST, is meeting with Dr. Howell in your office with recommendations on how to improve the transparency and process around keeping Safety Code 6 current. I ask that you prioritize this issue on your busy agenda and meet with members of C4ST when appropriate.

I believe this is an excellent opportunity for our government to provide great leadership to Canadian consumers by improving the protection provided by Safety Code 6.

Sincerely,

John Carmichael, MP
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