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Dear Dr. Demers,

It was a pleasure to meet you briefly during the break at the public consultation Oct. 28, 2013 at the University of Ottawa. As requested and outlined on the RSC website, I did not raise our concerns regarding the Expert Panel chosen by the Royal Society during my presentation. As the new Chair, I do not know how familiar you are with our concerns, so I wanted to bring them to your attention, and have accordingly summarized them for you.

On May 23, 2013, I sent a letter to Dr. Grise (attached) outlining our concerns about the financial and ideological conflicts of Dr.'s Krewski, Moulder, Foster, Findlay and Prato. After it was reported in the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) that Dr. Krewski had not disclosed a \$126,000 contract with Industry Canada, he resigned. Mr. Flynn's response was both disappointing and disturbing. Rather than admit there was a process breakdown in the selection of Expert Panel members, he rigorously defended his process and made inappropriate remarks about the CMAJ and the reporter. Mr. Flynn stated "Because of the misperceptions and controversy created by this newsletter, the panel chair has voluntarily elected to step down from the panel effective July 5, 2013." His posting continued "The Royal Society of Canada regrets the misimpressions created by the CMAJ newsletter, which was written by a freelance journalist, Mr. Paul Webster".

Our research reveals that, in fact, Mr. Webster is a multiple award winning investigative journalist and one of Canada's most prolific magazine writers. He has worked at the CBC's Fifth Estate program and written extensively for the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Attached is the complete letter.

A July 15, 2013 follow-up letter to Dr. Grise (attached) raising more questions about the Expert Panel independence was answered by Mr. Flynn stating that "In the interim, the RSC will not otherwise comment further on the work of the Expert Panel on Safety Code 6 until the panel's final report has been completed, peer-reviewed, and submitted to Health Canada." Due to his commitment to secrecy we have lost all confidence in the Royal Society process to provide an independent panel.

A recent paper WI-FI AND HEALTH: REVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF RESEARCH, Health Phys. 95(6):561-572, by Dr. Foster and Dr. Moulder raises more concerns. While not a research paper, it clearly demonstrates due to their preformed opinions they believe there are no harmful effects of Wi-Fi radiation below Safety Code 6 levels. I have also attached a notice for a seminar conducted by Dr. Foster on Nov. 1, 2013, four days after the public consultations. "Mechanical Engineering Graduate Seminar - Cellphones, SmartMeters, Wi-Fi, and Other (Arguably) Dangerous Things in Modern Life." The abstract states "After more than a half-century of research, the only unequivocal hazards from RF energy are associated with excessive heating of tissue. Exposure limits in effect in most countries, including the U.S., are designed to protect against thermal hazards and are set at levels far above any that a person will experience in ordinary life. There is an overwhelming consensus among health agencies that no convincing evidence exists for health hazards at exposures below current international limits."

We understand and expect Expert Panel members to have an opinion on this controversial issue. However, to express that opinion so publicly and relentlessly is not only inappropriate but makes it difficult to believe they will be able to act and vote independently. Dr. Demers, we are asking for a fair and independent review of Health Canada's Safety Code 6. Canadians deserve and expect no less.

Sincerely,



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