

The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.

Health Canada

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July 24, 2013

Dear Minister Ambrose,

I am writing to you today as the Chief Executive Officer of Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST), a national, not-for-profit organization that is concerned with the health and safety risks of unsafe technology. We are a volunteer-based coalition of parents, citizens and experts whose mission is to educate and inform Canadians and policy makers about the dangers of the exposures to unsafe levels of radiation from technology and to work with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families.

On behalf of C4ST, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Health. We are delighted that you have been appointed to this important role and we look forward to developing a positive working relationship with you in the coming months.

In my previous role as President of Microsoft Canada, I witnessed the incredible benefits that technology can provide. I also witnessed the potential harmful effects if technology is not implemented safely. I would like to take this opportunity to raise an important issue with you – one that concerns public safety and has implications that directly affect the lives of all Canadians.

I know you are still settling into your new portfolio and will need some time to get acclimated to the issues. However, I would like to request a meeting with you at your convenience to introduce myself and discuss C4ST's continued concerns with Safety Code 6, which regulates the amount of electromagnetic radiation (EMR) that is deemed safe from cell phones and cell towers, Wi-Fi, smart meters and other wireless devices. I am available to meet in either your home riding of Edmonton or in Ottawa, whichever is most convenient for you.

The Royal Society of Canada has been hired by the federal government to provide an external review of Health Canada's findings with respect to EMR and we have serious concerns about the panel selected for the independent, external review of Safety Code 6. (Our letters to the Royal Society dated May 25th and most recently, July 15th, are attached.)

Since we wrote to the Royal Society in May, raising potential conflicts of interest among its panel members, several national news outlets and the Canadian Medical Association Journal



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(CMAJ) exposed the panel chair Daniel Krewski for a conflict he did not disclose, which ultimately led to his very recent resignation. Unfortunately, Dr. Krewski did not resign because the Royal Society enforced its published conflict of interest rules as we requested. Instead, he stepped down only after he was “caught” and it was revealed publicly.

Safety Code 6 has not been modified in over 40 years. All we ask is for a fair, open and transparent review of the current levels of Safety Code 6, so that future Canadians can live in an environment that is healthy and safe.

Again, our most sincere congratulations on your appointment and we thank you for your time. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Clegg', with a horizontal line underneath.

Frank Clegg

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cc: Mr. Terence Young, MP Oakville, Ontario