

Scripts for C4ST-CWC Volunteers

**Follow-up Phone Call About the “C4ST Letter to Candidates”
Emailed to Electoral Candidates on August 31/September 1, 2021**

From candidateswhocare@c4st.org

(CWC = Candidates Who Care About Canadians’ Health)

<https://c4st.org/candidateswhocare/>

September 4, 2021

TO: C4ST Riding Representatives, Riding Members, C4ST Community Members and Friends!

FROM: Shelley Wright and Marg Friesen, CWC Caller Co-ordinators:

- **Shelley - Ontario and other Eastern Provinces:** shelleyW@c4st.org
- **Marg - Manitoba and other Western Provinces:** marg.c4st@gmail.com

Thank you for your help to follow up on the launch of our “*Candidates Who Care About Canadians’ Health*” webpage. We appreciate your work to make our communities safer from wireless radiation exposures.

- Shelley will co-ordinate volunteer callers for Team Ontario, Team Quebec & Team Atlantic Provinces/Nunavut.
- Marg will co-ordinate volunteer callers for Team BC, Team Alberta, Team Manitoba & Saskatchewan/Northwest Territories/Yukon

Sharing email addresses: Would you please let us know if we may share your email address with others in your team?

Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions (email addresses are above). Please put **CWC Follow up Calls** in the Subject line of email messages you send us. If you are in the EAST send to Shelley with cc to Marg. If you are in the WEST send to Marg with cc to Shelley.

Candidates’ phone numbers and email addresses. We will send an email message to each Team that contains the email addresses and phone numbers we have, so far, for the candidates in that Team’s ridings. For missing candidate or contact details, you may have to do some digging. One place you might find those details is the Elections Canada website (the link is below); search for the riding you want, find the names, and if some details are missing then do some Internet searches using the riding and/or candidates’ names and their Party name. If only the phone number is missing, you can send an email to the candidate and ask for the phone number.

Elections Canada: <https://www.elections.ca/Scripts/vis/FindED?L=e&QID=-1&PAGEID=20>

Federal Party websites:NDP: <https://www.ndp.ca/team>Green Party: <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/candidates>Liberals: <https://liberal.ca/your-liberal-candidates/>Conservatives: <https://www.conservative.ca/candidates/>People's Party: https://www.peoplespartyofcanada.ca/our_candidatesBQ: <https://www.bloquebecois.org/les-candidates-et-candidats/>

** If you find information that is not in our spreadsheet, please send it to April: april@odon.ca and cc Marg and Shelly.

We also will send each Team the count of how many riding constituents' sent email messages to each MP in the Team's ridings as part of the *Urgent Appeal to the Government of Canada to Suspend the 5G Rollout and to Choose Safe and Reliable Fibre Connections*. <https://www.appel5gappeal.ca/>

Game plan: Please start with your own riding. If you have time to do more, great! Please go ahead as soon as you can. The more people who contact the Candidates, the better. Then let Shelley and Marg know how things went, and we'll see how to go about doing more and perhaps how to approach others to make calls. It is a fluid game plan!

Suggested scripts for different scenarios: The next pages include a few scripts that you can modify when you make follow up phone calls about the CWC campaign. The last pages show you the "Letter to the Candidates" that C4ST sent to each of approximately 1,000 Candidates. Each letter was personalized to the Candidate (instead of "Dear Candidate for Election...". For easy reference we have also attached the letter to the Candidates as a separate file. You can also find the "C4ST Letter to the Candidates" on the CWC website <https://c4st.org/candidateswhocare/>

We suggest, before you begin calling your candidates, if you want more information handy, these steps are helpful:

- Print the **Position Statements** (from the CWC website, the link is above) provided by the various Parties so you can be ready to pick out information to provide encouragement for Candidates from that particular Party to sign on to CWC (best to stick to all the good things the Candidate's Party has done).
- Go to C4ST's 2015 "MPs Who Care" campaign webpage <https://c4st.org/mpswhocare/> and see if your current Candidate signed up in 2015 (see * below). Use this information to encourage the Candidate you are calling to sign up.

You could say:

*"We had (number – see **below) NAME OF PARTY Candidates sign up in 2015 who were elected as MPs. We want to see this increased. Signing up will show your constituents that you care about the Health of Canadians".*

Or you could say:

“I see you signed up for Candidates Who Care in 2015. We would love your support again. Signing up will show your constituents you care about the health of Canadians”.

* There were more than 150 Candidates who signed on in 2015, with 47 of those being elected. See the 2015 “MPs Who Care” campaign: <https://c4st.org/mpswhocare/>

**** MPs elected in 2015 who were supportive of HESA recommendations:**

Liberal 29, Cons – 7, NDP – 7, BQ – 3, Green – 1

NOTE: Of those, 31 are running for re-election now (2021):

Liberal – 22, NDP – 3, Cons – 3, BQ – 2, Green – 1

In addition to your call, Frank will be reaching out to the 31 Candidates who became MPs who signed up in 2015. The more calls, the better. If the Candidate says they signed on, congratulate and thank them.

When you phone each candidate, please keep notes of:

- when you called (date and time)
- what phone number you called
- if you left a voicemail message, or if you spoke with a person (ask for the person’s name and note it)
- any topic question(s) the person answering the phone (volunteer, campaign manager, Candidate) asked
- etc.

You may need to make more than one call to a candidate, and it is helpful to remind the next person you speak with (often a volunteer) that you had called before and when.

The scripts provided below are suggestions. After a few phone calls, you will have a better idea of what works. Let us know if you have questions.

Tip: If you have time, it is good to do some research on the Candidate you are calling – to try and find out what related topics they may be interested in. This can be a conversation starter.

SCRIPTS

1. VOICEMAIL MESSAGE:

Goal: for someone in the Candidate's campaign office to acknowledge receipt of the letter sent by email to the candidate by C4ST (signed by Frank Clegg).

You: Hello, my name is xxxx. I am a resident of NAME OF RIDING (if you are calling in your riding but not if calling from a different riding), and I am also the volunteer Riding Representative (or a Member) of volunteer-based, national, not-for-profit organization Canadians For Safe Technology—C4ST for short.

I'm calling to see if you received a letter from C4ST regarding the "*Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health*" campaign. It was sent via email on DATE from [candidateswhocare@c4st.org] to your email address [the address].

Please let me know whether you have received it or if I should resend it.

Thanks.

My phone number is XXX-XXX-XXXX or my email address is [the address].

2. SPEAKING WITH SOMEONE WHO ANSWERS THE PHONE AT THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN OFFICE:

Goal: to get someone at the campaign office to verify that the letter sent by email to the Candidate by C4ST (signed by Frank Clegg) has been received by the office.

You: Hello, my name is xxxx. I am a resident of NAME OF RIDING (if you are calling in your riding but not if calling from a different riding), and I am also the volunteer Riding Representative (or Member) of volunteer-based, national, not-for-profit organization Canadians For Safe Technology—C4ST for short.

I'm calling to see if you received a letter from C4ST, by email, regarding the *Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health* campaign.

Office person: When was it sent?

You: It was sent via email on August 31st. (We'll change that date for the next batch of emails that goes out to Candidates when we have more of their email addresses.)

Office person (often says): Please send it again.

You: Please confirm I have the correct email address. (This may be different than the address used in C4ST's first send, so make a note and send it to us to add to our database for the re-send. Also ask for, and make a note of, the name of the person you are speaking with plus the date and time of your conversation.)

You (if the office person, who is usually a volunteer, says they received the letter): Do you know whether or not the candidate has read C4ST's letter and if the candidate is interested in signing on or has already signed on?

You: Would you please ask the candidate to visit the *Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health* website for more information? This is a very important issue for me and will affect how I vote.

You (if the person is open to further conversation – especially if it is the Candidate, a campaign manager or seasoned volunteer): In June 2015 the Conservative, Liberal, and NDP Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health (HESA) unanimously voted to educate and protect Canadians from our increasing exposures to wireless radiation. These MPs supported the implementation of all the recommendations in the Committee's report, which is titled, "RADIOFREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION AND THE HEALTH OF CANADIANS". However, Health Canada and other parts of the government have not fully implemented those recommendations.

Scientists independent of industry influence are telling us that this radiation is harmful to our health. It is critical that to protect the health of Canadians from wireless radiation, such as from cell phones, cell towers, and Wi-Fi and new generation wireless technologies, that these recommendations be fully implemented. The federal government needs to act on the evidence available and to collect more information so the government can establish truly adequate guidelines. In the meantime, Canadians need to be made more aware of the risks to themselves and their families and steps they can take to reduce those risks. That need for education is also part of the recommendations.

I would be glad to put you in touch with a C4ST member who can answer any questions you may have. When would be a good time to reach you – and at what phone number? Or should we send you an email to arrange a good time?

3. IF YOU SPEAK WITH A CANDIDATE (more likely to happen with the non-major parties):

Goal: to have them directly email Frank Clegg or go to the website to sign on to "*Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health*."

frank@c4st.org (that email address is in the C4ST letter sent to the candidate).

You: Hello, my name is xxxx. I am a resident of NAME OF RIDING (if you are calling in your riding but not if calling from a different riding), and I am also the volunteer Riding Representative (or Member) of the volunteer-based, national, not-for-profit organization *Canadians For Safe Technology*—C4ST for short.

I'm calling to see if you received a letter from C4ST regarding the "*Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health*" campaign. It was sent via email from [C4ST address] on DATE.

Candidate: No, I don't think so.

You: Would you like me to re-send it? If you have a moment let me explain a bit of what it is about.

In 2015, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health passed unanimously 12 recommendations that would go a long way to making people safer from exposures to radiation emitted from cell phones, cell towers and Wi-Fi.

The government has done very little to implement the recommendations, and so the letter asks you to work to have them implemented if you are elected to Parliament. I can read the recommendations to you (at the bottom of this letter) or you can find them at the *Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health* website.

I would be glad to put you in touch with a C4ST member who can answer any questions you may have. When would be a good time to reach you – and at what phone number? Or should we send you an email to arrange a good time?

Candidate: Yes, I am interested. Thanks for contacting me about this.

If they say the Candidate will meet with you after the election, agree to this. Be sure to put that in your notes and we will follow up after September 21st. Remember, the priority is to encourage the Candidate to sign on to the *Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health* on our webpage.

You: Thank you for your time. To sign on, please email Frank Clegg directly or go to the C4ST website

<https://c4st.org/candidateswhocare/>

Any attention you can give to this would be greatly appreciated. This issue is very important to me and will affect how I vote.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR WORDING:

1. About Canadians For Safe Technology—C4ST:

* This is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization of parents, citizens and experts whose mission is to educate Canadians and their policy makers about the dangers of the exposures to unsafe levels of radiation from wireless technology, and to work with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families across Canada. I am calling to request a meeting with CANDIDATE NAME to explain our key concerns and to see how CANDIDATE NAME can help us.

Or:

* This is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization of parents, citizens and experts whose mission is (to educate Canadians and) to work with all levels of government to create healthier tech communities (with wired solutions) for children and families across Canada. I am calling to request a meeting with CANDIDATE NAME to explain our key concerns and to see how CANDIDATE NAME can help us.

And if you are speaking directly with the Candidate:

* Can we meet with you if/when you are elected?

2. About receiving the letter from C4ST via email [THE LETTER SENT BY C4ST TO THE CANDIDATE IS BELOW THIS SECTION]

If the answer is “no”:

Ask the person to check their email inbox for “*Candidates Who Care*” in the subject line. If the answer is still “no,” ask the person to hold the line, ask for the correct email address and say that you will immediately send the link to the webpage while the person holds.

If the answer is “yes”:

Here is a suggested script for saying two points:

- “That’s great! I see that in 2015 there were (say the number of MPs from across Canada in your Candidate’s party. For example, “I see from our webpage that there were 29 MPs from the Liberal party) who signed up to support the HESA recommendations in 2015. We are hoping to get more MPs on board this year. Once again, we are looking for support. It will take less than 3 minutes of CANDIDATE NAME’s time to go to the C4ST email message with the Subject: “*Candidates Who Care*”, click on the link, and sign up. It’s that easy! And it will make a difference to voters in the riding who want safer tech in their communities. We have been waiting more than 5 years for these HESA recommendations to be fully implemented. I look forward to seeing CANDIDATE NAME’s name on our webpage, **and** then I will let others in our community know that CANDIDATE NAME’s name is there in full support of the HESA recommendations. If I don’t see CANDIDATE NAME’s name on C4ST’s *Candidates Who Care About Canadians’ Health* webpage in the next couple of days, one of us will call back to make sure this message has reached CANDIDATE NAME.”
- “I am also calling to request a meeting with CANDIDATE NAME to explain our key concerns and to see how CANDIDATE NAME can help us. Can we arrange a phone or Zoom meeting with the Candidate to provide more information?”

And then the Campaign Office Person will probably respond something like this:

Campaign Office: I’ll ask about that. Thank you for your phone call. May I please have your email address or telephone number? We will get in touch with you.

If they say the Candidate will meet with you after the election, agree to this. Be sure to put that in your notes and we will follow up after September 21st. Remember, the priority is to encourage the Candidate to sign on to the *Candidates Who Care About Canadians’ Health* on our webpage.

If the office person does not ask for this, offer to give your contact details so the person can make a note of it.

C4ST LETTER TO CANDIDATES – Sent from candidateswhocare@c4st.org

EVERYTHING BELOW THIS BOX IS THE “CANDIDATE’S LETTER” SENT BY C4ST BY EMAIL TO ABOUT 1,000 CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO BE ELECTED TO THE NEXT PARLIAMENT.

NOTE: The letter includes a list of the actions an MP can take, and a list of the 12 recommendations in the HESA Report.

Dear Candidate for Election to the 44th Canadian Parliament,

Subject: Request for your support for full implementation of the 2015 House of Commons Standing Committee on Health recommendations regarding wireless radiation and the health of Canadians

I am writing on behalf of Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST), to ask you to support an important science-based health and safety matter.

In 2015, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) studied wireless radiation e.g., from cell phones, and the protection of the health of Canadians. The subsequent report, *Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Radiation and the Health of Canadians*,¹ received unanimous ALL PARTY support from committee members.

However, the report’s 12 recommendations, appended below, have not been fully implemented.

Please express your support for full implementation of these important recommendations by signing on to our *Candidates Who Care About Canadians’ Health* webpage.

Evidence was presented to HESA members by national and international scientific and medical experts, representatives from the wireless industry, Health Canada and Industry Canada (now Innovation, Science and Economic Development). I also had the privilege of presenting on behalf of C4ST. The report noted that:

“The potential risks of exposure to RF (radiofrequency) fields are a serious public health issue that needs to be brought to the attention of Canadians.”

If you agree, we would like to identify your name and party affiliation on our webpage www.c4st.org/candidateswhocare

¹ <https://www.ourcommons.ca/documentviewer/en/41-2/hesa/report-13>

To demonstrate your agreement, please send an email directly to me, frank@c4st.org.

Please provide your name, riding, and statement that you agree to be listed on our webpage as supportive of the recommendations from the HESA report. Please include any other information such as examples of initiatives that you may choose to pursue after getting elected (see Appendix). You will find studies published since 2015 that provide even more scientific evidence of the urgency of this issue, on our website:

<https://c4st.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Supplemental-Material-for-Suspend-5G-Canada-Appeal.pdf>

I look forward to your response, and to including your commitment online, joining *Candidates Who Care*.

Sincerely,



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Former President of Microsoft Canada

OUR ORGANIZATION: Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST) is a volunteer coalition of parents, scientists and citizens whose mission is to educate Canadians and policy makers about the dangers of exposures to unsafe levels of radiofrequency/microwave radiation from commonly used wireless devices and cellular antennas and to provide information on how to use wireless devices more safely. C4ST works with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families.

APPENDIX

Examples of initiatives a Member of Parliament can take to support the implementation of the HESA report recommendations. Being a member of the HESA or Industry committees is not required to take action.

1. Agree to meet with your constituent and C4ST within 60 days of taking office.
2. Work with C4ST and host a seminar or webinar for a peer group of MPs regarding the harmful effects of the radiation from wireless devices.
3. Raise the issue of implementing the recommendations in caucus.
4. Sponsor an e-petition put forward by a constituent regarding recommendations from the HESA report.
5. Write a letter introducing C4ST to the Minister of Health or the Minister of Industry, Science and Economic Development and asking to meet.
6. Ask the Minister of Health to provide the specific scientific publications and weight of evidence analysis that Health Canada uses to deem radiofrequency radiation as safe for human long-term exposures, and that the analysis be published for the general public on the Health Canada website.

7. Ask the Chair of HESA to have the scientific evidence of radiofrequency radiation's harm that has been published since 2015 reviewed by an independent panel of experts that should report back to HESA within one year; to have the 12 recommendations from the HESA 2015 report updated; and to have Health Canada report back to the HESA Committee.
8. Ask the Minister of Health to engage an unbiased panel to revise Safety Code 6 (2015) based on the international standards of literature review. The 2015 version was a revision of Safety Code 6 (2009). Given the evidence found in major studies since then, an update of Safety Code 6 (2015) is overdue.

RADIOFREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION AND THE HEALTH OF CANADIANS

Report of the Standing Committee on Health (HESA), Ben Lobb, Chair

JUNE 2015, 41st PARLIAMENT, SECOND SESSION

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the Government of Canada, in collaboration with the health departments of the provinces and territories, examine existing cancer data collection methods to improve the collection of information relating to wireless device use and cancer.

RECOMMENDATION 2

That Statistics Canada consider including questions related to electromagnetic hypersensitivity in the Canadian Community Health Survey.

RECOMMENDATION 3

That the Government of Canada, through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, consider funding research into electromagnetic hypersensitivity testing, diagnosis and treatment, and its possible impacts on health in the workplace.

RECOMMENDATION 4

That the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the World Health Organization consider updating their guidelines and continuing education materials regarding the diagnosis and treatment of electromagnetic hypersensitivity to ensure they are based on the latest scientific evidence and reflect the symptoms of affected Canadians.

RECOMMENDATION 5

That the Government of Canada continue to provide reasonable accommodations for environmental sensitivities, including electromagnetic hypersensitivity, as required under the Canadian Human Rights Act.

RECOMMENDATION 6

That Health Canada ensure the openness and transparency of its processes for the review of Safety Code 6, so that all Canadians have an opportunity to be informed about the evidence considered or excluded in such reviews, that outside experts are provided full information when doing independent reviews, and that the scientific rationale for any change is clearly communicated.

RECOMMENDATION 7

That the Government of Canada establish a system for Canadians to report potential adverse reactions to radiofrequency fields.

RECOMMENDATION 8

That an independent scientific body recognized by Health Canada examine whether measures taken and guidelines provided in other countries, such as France and Israel, to limit the exposure of vulnerable populations, including infants, and young children in the school environment, to radiofrequencies should be adopted in Canada.

RECOMMENDATION 9

That the Government of Canada develop an awareness campaign relating to the safe use of wireless technologies, such as cell phones and Wi-Fi, in key environments such as the school and home to ensure that Canadian families and children are reducing risks related to radiofrequency exposure.

RECOMMENDATION 10

That Health Canada conduct a comprehensive review of all existing literature relating to radiofrequency fields and carcinogenicity based on international best practices.

RECOMMENDATION 11

That the Government of Canada, through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, consider funding research into the link between radiofrequency fields and potential health effects such as cancer, genetic damage, infertility, impairment to development and behaviour, harmful effects to eyes and on the brain, cardiovascular, biological and biochemical effects.

RECOMMENDATION 12

That the Government of Canada and manufacturers consider policy measures regarding the marketing of radiation emitting devices to children under the age of 14, in order to ensure they are aware of the health risks and how they can be avoided.