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The Honourable Perrin Beatty
Minister of National Health and Welfare
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Dear Mr. Beatty:

I am writing you regarding the countless number of Canadians who suffer from environmental sensitivities.

In recent years, Canadians have grown increasingly concerned about the state of our environment and the affect man-made substances and products are having on the animals and vegetation of our planet. Scientific research has shown that some members of a plant or animal species often react sooner than other members to pollutants in their environment. If the human race is similar in terms of how it reacts to pollutants, environmentally sensitive Canadians are likely the first to suffer the physical and psychological side effects of some man-made substances and products.

Canadians for the most part do not understand what environmental sensitivities are. This lack of even a basic understanding of the illnesses has only added to the suffering of its victims.

As minister of health, you have a responsibility to help educate Canadians about illnesses like environmental sensitivities and to also assist those persons who suffer from sensitivities. I believe it is imperative that you act now to stimulate public discussion and understanding of environmental sensitivities, assist Canadians who have suffered as a result of

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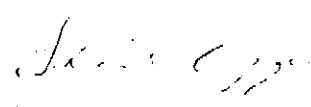


public misconceptions and ensure that sufferers of environmental sensitivities have not and, in future, will not be misdiagnosed with the result being the placing of sufferers in institutions for the mentally disabled.

There are countless Canadians who are suffering as a result of pollutants and man-made substances in our environment and you, as minister of health, have a responsibility to help. By taking the very specific steps outlined in the preceding paragraph, you can be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important matter.

Yours sincerely,


Sheila Copps