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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Minister Clement Says Residents “Concerns Were Not Valid”**

OTTAWA- Charlottetown MP Shawn Murphy urged the Minister of Industry, Tony Clement today in the House of Commons to answer why he overturned the decision of the City of Charlottetown’s Council to deny Rogers Communications to build a cell tower off Mount Edward Road.

“Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Industry, last year Rogers Telecommunication applied to build a massive cell tower in a residential neighbourhood right in the middle of the city of Charlottetown. The neighbours did not want it. The people who lived in Charlottetown did not want it and our democratically elected city council voted against it... Why did he disrespect the wishes of the residents of Charlottetown and the decision of their elected council?” questioned Murphy this afternoon in the House of Commons during question period.

The Minister of Industry, Tony Clement responded, “If there are legitimate concerns, those concerns are then addressed. Health Canada reviews the concerns from a health and safety point of view. Health Canada did its job and reviewed for health and safety concerns. Those concerns were not valid.”

“I am upset that the Minister of Industry believes that the concerns of the citizens of Charlottetown are invalid since the City of Charlottetown took proper and extensive examination of the proposal of the Rogers cellphone tower prior to rejecting the building permit,” stated Murphy.

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Dear Mr. Clement,

I am writing as an outraged citizen of Canada. After reading the comments made by your office to MP Shawn Murphy,(attached) in response to his statement demanding that the wishes of the residents and local government of Charlottetown be respected regarding the Roger's cell transmitter, I demand, Sir, that you resign.

I personally, and many others, have time and again provided you, as the Minister of Health, with proof that independent studies show that non-thermal radiation affects health. I also provided proof in a petition to the Auditor General in June,

2008, that the telecommunications industry has very close affiliation with Health Canada and the people supposedly making decisions affecting our health. You, Sir, as Minister of Health, chose to ignore this information.

And now, Sir, you as Minister of Industry, dare to fall back on Health Canada's statement that there is no health effect. How can you and your government demand any respect when it is obvious that the Health Canada is maintaining standards drastically varying from those of the rest of the world? How can you, Sir, dare to expect the citizens of Canada to consider democracy is being served when corporations are deciding our fate?

Mr. Clement, as if you did not do enough by doing nothing as Minister of Health! Now, Sir, you have gone too far by adding to this your contempt for us by believing that we will not notice this ploy. Interesting for you to expect us not to notice that Industry Canada uses Health Canada to get its mandate through. Sir, you have gone too far by insulting our intelligence.

Most likely you will not see this email because it will be screened by an assistant. Therefore, by copy of this email to members of the media and to the members of the Opposition, I am ensuring that others will see it and, hopefully, take action where you will not.

Momentum is building with knowledge that electromagnetic radiation from the various telecommunication devices is harming us and our children. Some day guilt will placed where it belongs, on Health Canada which gave Industry Canada cover to cooperate with the corporations who are making money at the cost of our health -- **and on those bureaucrats and politicians who aided and abetted this travesty.**

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