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Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
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Dear Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Your member of Parliament, Mr. David Van Kesteren, has forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence of June 5, 2012, concerning wind turbines.

Further to my April 13, 2012, response to you, Health Canada has been working collaboratively with Statistics Canada and other external experts to design a research study that will explore the relationship between wind turbine noise levels and the extent of health effects reported by those living near wind power developments.

The research design team includes individuals with expertise in areas including noise, health assessment, clinical medicine and epidemiology, in addition to advisors from academia and international jurisdictions with expertise in wind turbine noise. The members of the research design team have already been selected, and the study design is nearing completion.

On July 10, 2012, Health Canada posted its research methodology and a list of team members on the Department's website at http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/consult/2012/wind_turbine-eoliennes/index-eng.php for public review and input. Comments will be accepted until September 7, 2012. All interested stakeholders, including the general public, are invited to provide input into the study design. These efforts are aligned with transparent and open business practices of government.

Health Canada's research study is designed to support all levels of government and other stakeholders by strengthening the peer-reviewed scientific evidence base that supports decisions, advice and policies related to wind turbine power development proposals, installations and operations in Canada. Please be assured that the results of the study will be made available to Canadians in as timely a manner as possible.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Leona Aglukkaq

c.c. Mr. David Van Kesteren, M.P.

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