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Dear Dr. Simmonds:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Canadian Society for Molecular Biosciences and for your kind words on my appointment as Minister of Industry. It is a privilege and an honour to have been entrusted by the Prime Minister with this portfolio and its mandate to build a strong economy and a stronger Canada. I appreciate your taking the time to share your views.

The Government of Canada recognizes that investments in R&D and in science, technology and innovation (ST&I) are key to addressing Canada's social and economic challenges. Canada leads all G7 countries in terms of higher education R&D performance, relative to the size of its economy.

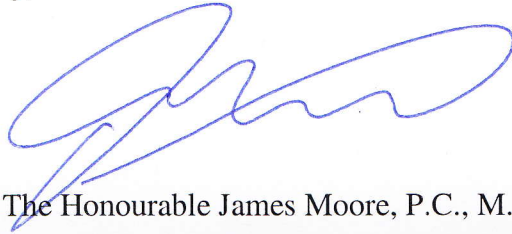
Since 2006, our government has made significant investments in support of ST&I in Canada, and these investments are paying off. The Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) recently reported that Canadian S&T is healthy and growing in both output and impact, and that Canada is the only G7 country to have achieved an increase above the world average in the number of scientific papers produced between 2005 and 2010. Moreover, the CCA also reported that, in a survey of over 5,000 leading international scientists, Canada's scientific research enterprise was ranked fourth in the world after the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany.

This government is committed to supporting the highest quality of basic and applied research across the innovation spectrum and bridging the gap between research and its application. To complement the research done by Canadian academia, the National Research Council Canada recently announced that it is refocusing the way it operates to strengthen its commitment to its original mandate of supporting Canadian businesses to innovate and apply research results for the economic and social benefit to all Canadians.

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Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Moore', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.

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