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Hon. Tony Clement
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Dear Minister Clement:

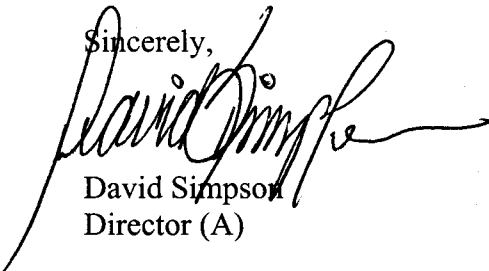
RE: Consultation Respecting a Canadian Mental Health Commission

I am writing today in light of the current on-line consultation being conducted by Health Canada regarding the establishment of a commission for mental health and mental illness in Canada. We are pleased that Health Canada is asking Canadians to share their opinions and to provide feedback on this initiative. This is an important step in making the commission a reality and in the development of a national strategy for mental health, mental illness and addictions.

We believe your leadership and willingness to move towards the implementation of this key recommendation of the Standing Senate Committee's report entitled, "Out of the Shadows at Last: Transforming Mental Health, Mental Illness and Addiction Services in Canada" will have a positive impact on the mental health and addictions sectors for generations to come. We encourage your efforts to move forward on this very worthy cause.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (416) 327-7004.

Sincerely,



David Simpson
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