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Dear Ms. Leon and Dr. Sears:

In my capacity as the Minister of Innovation, Science Industry, I am writing with respect to Environmental Petition no. 470, submitted to the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (CESD), under section 22 of the *Auditor General Act*, on assessing the effectiveness of regulation of asbestos and asbestos cement pipes in Canada.

The CESD sent Environmental Petition no. 470 to the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and me.

The issues raised in your petition fall outside the scope of work conducted by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and the organization does not have information related to the petition. Nevertheless, it is my understanding that my colleagues Minister LeBlanc, Minister Jaczek, and the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, will be responding to your questions as they relate to their respective mandates.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.

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