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Ministre de la Santé et Ministre de
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Chief Wabiska Mukwa
Algonquin Woodland Métis Aboriginal Tribe
Descendants of the Algonquin, Nipissing and Arendahano Nations
Descendants of Aboriginal First Families, Slaves,
Fur Traders and Settlers
Pre-1600's to 2008
P.O. Box 496
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Dear Chief Wabiska:

Thank you for your further correspondence of July 10, 2008, concerning Bill C-51. I am sorry to learn that you were unsatisfied with my previous response.

The provisions outlined in Bill C-51 including those you have noted in your letter (labelling, packaging, selling, unsanitary conditions, advertisement and controlled activities), apply specifically to companies and firms which manufacture, package, label and/or import health products for commercial sale and distribution in Canada. Bill C-51 does not apply to those who practice medicine, including practitioners of traditional Aboriginal medicine, who compound products for their patients or community members.

Please allow me to assure you that Health Canada is not attempting through this Bill, nor any consequent Bill, to impose any restrictions or interfere with your ability to practice your traditional medicine on your ancestral lands nor to compound traditional cures and remedies for your community members.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Clement

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