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Honourable Minister Bains,

As the Member of Parliament for Calgary Midnapore I continue to hear from my constituents with concerns about how consultations are taking place with regards to cell towers being placed in their communities.

I understand that the final say over these projects rests with the federal government and your department. There is a lack of clarity for Canadians on the issue of the process to involve them as these decisions are being made. Recent court decisions regarding municipalities and industry have made the understanding of the process even more complex. To the average Canadian it looks like fingers are being pointed with no one actually accepting responsibility for the final decision.

I am calling on you to clarify the decision making processes of the Department, Industry and the community. As Canadians increasingly use technology as our means of communication this issue will continue to be prominent especially as the government makes decisions about 5G networks. My constituents need to know that when a new tower is put up or a 5G box is added to an existing tower that they have been consulted and have had an opportunity to weigh in on the end result.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kusie

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