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Dear Drs. Stavrakaki and Forster-Gibson:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 27, 2006, addressed to the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health, concerning the Canadian Mental Health Commission and citizens living with developmental disabilities and dual diagnosis.

Mental health, mental illness and addiction are very important issues for Canadians which the Minister also takes very seriously. The recommendations of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology are being thoroughly studied, and the federal government is committed to working collaboratively with the provinces and territories and all other stakeholders on mental health, mental illness and addiction. Please be assured that your request will be considered in the context of the proposal to the Commission.

Thank you for writing on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill', written over a large, stylized flourish.

William King
Chief of Staff