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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
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Minister Champagne,

I have heard from many members in the north-central Calgary communities of Sandstone and MacEwan that are concerned with the proposed Rogers cellphone tower (Facility W4956) that is to be located in my riding in the community of Sandstone.

I write today to amplify the voices of these community members and ensure that their concerns are heard by the federal government.

Members of my community have raised a number of concerns with this project, including that the current proposal is in violation of a number of the City of Calgary Protocols as outlined in *The City's Telecommunication Antenna Structures Siting Protocols* and *Telecommunication Antenna Structures Procedures Manual*. Some of the concerns I have heard from community members include:

- The proposed cellphone location does not meet the requirement that a tower height of 31 to 45 meters high should be at least 100 meters away from dwellings;
- The current consultation process has not yet met the requirement to hold a public meeting;

- There have not been significant efforts made to blend the proposed structure with the nearby surroundings and minimize the visual aesthetic impacts of the telecommunication antenna structure on the community

It is my hope that these issues will be addressed during the ongoing consultation process.

I also would like to ensure that members of my community will be provided with the opportunity to express these concerns at an in-person publicly held forum. Although an online forum has been held, digital forums often pose an accessibility barrier to many Canadians, especially seniors, due to a lack of internet access or digital knowledge. The purpose of the consultation process is to ensure that Canadians impacted by this project have ample opportunity to provide feedback and have their voices heard, it is essential that this process is accessible. I believe holding a public, in-person meeting will provide this opportunity and allow community members from all sides of the issue to have their voices heard.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the concerns of my community on this proposed project. I hope to see Industry Canada support my calls for an in-person public forum to be held.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Rempel Garner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Hon. Michelle Rempel Garner, P.C., M.P.
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