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Ms Sue Peterson  
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Dear Ms Peterson:

In respect to your March 15, 2007 letter regarding accessibility to clean and safe drinking water for our aboriginal communities, allow me to say that I do not have a newfound interest in the environment.

I have been promoting a cleaner environment long before I became a Member of Parliament. Since being appointed to the House of Commons, I have risen on numerous occasions and spoke of the impact the scrapped Kelowna Accord has; how the lack of funding impacts water and education, not to mention health issues and the decrease in economic opportunities. I have also spoken specifically of the situation in Canoe Lake Cree Nation.

I completely agree that there is a need to act, and to act quickly to rectify the inequities. But you must realize that I do not take this lightly and have always been and will continue to be an advocate for Aboriginal Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Merasty, M.P.

