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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
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Mr. Prime Minister,

For more than a decade, the Canadian Institute of Child Health has periodically produced a Profile of the Health of Canada's Children. This detailed document has proven to be of inestimable value to those who care for those children and to those responsible for public policy in their regard.

Census information is essential to the thoroughness and the accuracy of the data. We earnestly request and urge you to reinstate the legal obligation for at least 20% of the population of Canada to complete the Long Form.

We take this opportunity to add that the CICH was extremely pleased when your government announced that maternal and child health would be a priority in Canada's foreign policy – but we call to your attention that the same priority needs to be a part of our domestic policy as well. The CICH is continuously preoccupied by the health of children in low-income families, and particularly by that of children in Aboriginal communities. We bring this to your responsive attention.

Sincerely,

Robin Moore-Orr

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cc: The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry
The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health
The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
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