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Subject: FW: Re: Gillian McCarthy
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Dear Gordon,
Here is the letter that was sent on Gillians behalf. I will let you know if I receive a reply.
Regards,
Linda

From: Linda Nolan [mailto:lindanolan@bellnet.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2007 12:00 AM
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Subject: Re: Gillian McCarthy

Dear Sirs; Mmme,

I am writing to you as President of the Allergy and Environmental Health Association of Ottawa, Canada. We are a chapter of a National Group (www.aeha.ca) with local associations across Canada. The purpose of AHEA-Ottawa is to provide information and support for the many men, women, and children suffering with ES (Environmental Sensitivities), including multiple chemical sensitivities (MCS), Toxic Injury (TI), and other related health problems. We strive to create public awareness and understanding by providing education for the full recognition of ES/MCS/TI while encouraging toxics reduction to prevent toxic injury.

We are heartsick to read of the desperate situation that is being faced by Gillian McCarthy. Unfortunately, she is not alone in her desperation to find safe housing, safe food, water, medical care, etc.

In Canada, ES/MCS has recently been acknowledged as a legal disability. The Canadian Human Rights Commission has just released a report (www.chrc-ccdp.ca/ - Whats New, 04/05/2007 Research Report- The Medical Perspective on Environmental Sensitivities), which states that approximately 3% of Canadians have been diagnosed with environmental sensitivities, and many more are somewhat sensitive to traces of chemicals and/or electromagnetic phenomena in the environment. A random sampling of 1,582 individuals from the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area was taken to determine the reported prevalence of hypersensitivity to common chemicals. In this study, 12.6% of the sample reported that they felt ill on encountering low levels of at least one substance in the environment at an everyday level.

Environmental Sensitivities can occur when people become sensitized (often due to a toxic overload) to substances or phenomena in their everyday environment, and then become ill upon encountering those substances or phenomena at levels well below those tolerated by most people. Sensitivity reactions can be triggered by scented products, cleaning agents, laundry

detergents, paints, petrochemicals, cigarette smoke, pesticides, pets, plants, fuels, electromagnetic radiation, molds, foods, etc.

The effect of environmental sensitivities can be overwhelming. Productive people may suddenly or gradually become unable to tolerate offices, homes, schools, hospitals and public places. Despite skills and education, some people with sensitivities end up unable to work and may need to rely on social assistance. Many become socially isolated as they are forced to retreat from places and activities they love, and for some, the devastation extends to losing spouses, family and friends who may not fully believe they are ill. This disability may be invisible, but it is real.

The effect of environmental sensitivities can be overwhelming as in the case of Gillian McCarthy. This once productive lady is now unable to tolerate her former environments and has become socially isolated and forced to retreat from people, places and activities she used to love. Her illness may be most aptly described as a "hell on earth".

Gillian McCarthy, and others unfortunate enough to develop Environmental Sensitivities, require safe accommodation, safe medical care, safe food and safe water. We request that you respond to Ms. McCarthys needs urgently and write to us that you have done so.

Yours truly,

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