Consumer and Corporate Affairs

Consommation et Corporations

Deputy Minister

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Dear

As you may have heard, I shall shortly be leaving the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on assignment to the Department of the Environment.

I did not want to leave this Department, where I have served for almost five years, without saying "au revoir" to those many people in provincial administrations, in business and in consumer organizations with whom I have worked on one subject or another in our mutual efforts to assist the Canadian consumer. From the contacts we have had, you will, I think, be aware of my strong conviction that improving the position of the consumer is not a task whose sole responsibility rests with governments, let alone the federal government. It is, on the contrary, a cooperative effort in which federal, provincial and even municipal governments, the business community and voluntary organizations all have their parts to play.

Thank you for the co-operation you have extended to me personally in our joint endeavours. I leave my present post with regret that I cannot see more of these endeavours through to completion, with confidence that the good work will go forward, and with eager anticipation of new stimulation in another important field where a co-operative approach will be equally required.

Yours sincerely,

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