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Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST)

The New Democratic Party firmly supported the motion requesting that House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) examine the issues of radiofrequency, electromagnetic radiation and the Health of Canadians. In June of 2015, our Health critic, Mr. Murray Rankin, presided as vice-chair over these committee sessions.

Following a study of Health Canada Safety Code 6, the guideline that establishes safety limits for human exposure to radiofrequency fields for all individuals working at, or visiting, federally regulated sites, New Democratic members of the Standing Committee on Health, together with members from other parties, adopted twelve recommendations in their report to Parliament.

The adoption of the recommendations produced by the committee demonstrates how New Democrats are committed to protecting the health of Canadians and ensuring that new technology is used safely in our everyday lives. We will remain steadfast in our commitment towards Canadians that their concerns regarding wireless technology will be addressed and that proper health safeguards will be implemented in line with these health committee recommendations.

In addition to our commitment to protecting the health of Canadians, Tom Mulcair and New Democrats have opposed the government's reckless cuts to research funding while defending the need for true scientific integrity and evidence based decision-making. Political interference in the communication of science undermines our researchers and democracy as a whole. An NDP government would strive for the maximum transparency and accountability practical given the circumstances with respect to the scientific evidence used in policy decisions.

We look forward to continue working with Researchers, our regulatory bodies and all Canadians concerned with the regulation of our technology to ensure that the health of Canadians is protected and our technology is used safely.

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