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Mr. Perrin Beatty  
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Dear Mr. Beatty: *Perrin,*

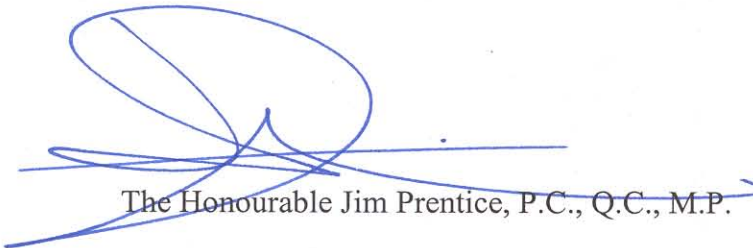
Thank you for your letter of February 29, 2008, regarding the *Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations*.

Your letter refers to recent decisions under the Regulations that are creating uncertainty for the bio-pharmaceutical industry and disrupting the policy balance struck in these regulations via an earlier set of intellectual property (IP) amendments. Please rest assured that these decisions are under active consideration by the government and I have directed my officials to work closely with Health Canada, which administers the Regulations, to address their impact as soon as possible.

Industry Canada recognizes the important contribution that R&D-intensive industries, such as the bio-pharmaceutical industry, make to economic growth and is committed to IP laws in Canada that support a stable, predictable and competitive business climate for innovation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Your interest in this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.

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