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Sharon
Dear Ms Marleau,

I am writing to express my concern for Canadians who are experiencing mental and physical health problems as a result of environmental sensitivities.

Unfortunately, symptoms displayed by persons suffering from environmental sensitivities are mis-diagnosed as being mentally related rather than physical. The resulting improper treatment places further suffering on the patient. As a result, I urge you to develop and put into place a system for psychiatric screening that will identify cases resulting from environmental sensitivities and prevent their further mistreatment.

I am confident that further training and awareness of this problem will lead to proper treatment of individuals who are suffering from environmental sensitivities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon".

Sharon Carstairs

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