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Mr. Chris Brown
Human Ecology Foundation
4 - 190 Powell Avenue
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you very much for your letter requesting my support in an effort to find allergy-free accommodation for Jean Metcalfe.

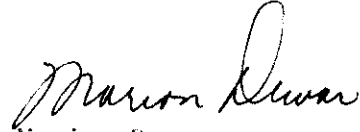
I appreciate your concern, and that of the Foundation, and agree that ignorance about allergies has contributed to the treatment of this case. Regrettably, however, I am not in a position to be of any assistance in finding allergy-free accommodation in the City of Ottawa. I believe that the legal approach is a good one in negotiating on-going accommodation in her previous home, and that the medical approach you described is also useful.

A co-op dedicated to meeting the needs of those with particular sensitivities is not a short-term solution, but may be the best one we have to offer. Have you considered initiating such a co-op from your Foundation members? While co-op allocations are tight, I believe that this kind of project may be particularly interesting to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation which funds the co-op program. If you are interested in pursuing such an option, I would suggest that you contact the Ottawa Federation of Housing Co-ops, by calling 238-5141, and speaking with Peter Trotscha, who is the acting Director.

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I regret that I cannot provide short-term solutions to the problem, but would be pleased to support an application for such a specific-purpose housing co-operative. I thank you again for bringing your concern to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marion Dewar". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Marion Dewar
Mayor