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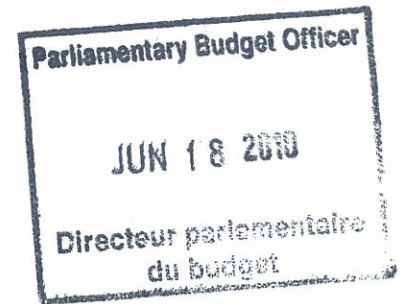
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Mr. Kevin Page
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Dear Mr. Page: *Kevin*

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 2010, regarding the new Nutrition North Canada Program.

As you may be aware, in Budget 2010, the Government announced additional investments to bring the annual funding for a new food subsidy program to \$60 million. This is the annual funding Nutrition North Canada is expected to operate under over the next five years. A portion of this funding will go to Health Canada for the implementation of nutrition education and promotion activities in eligible communities.

In fiscal year 2010-2011, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will still operate the Food Mail Program as the Nutrition North Canada Program is not slated to be fully implemented until April 1, 2011. Of the \$60 million available for this fiscal year, \$47.6 million will be funded from existing Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Vote 15 reference levels and \$12.4 million will be funded from the fiscal framework. This new funding will likely be included in the next Supplementary Estimates exercise for fiscal year 2010-2011. Of this new funding, \$1.53 million will go to Health Canada and \$10.87 million will go to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

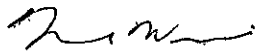
Unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide you with a detailed breakdown for fiscal year 2011-2012 and beyond, as we are still in the process of obtaining necessary Treasury Board authority which we are hopeful to receive in time for the 2011-2012 Main Estimates process. The existing Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Vote 15 reference level is expected to be redirected to the new program as of 2011-2012 in the amount of \$27.6 million per year.

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We would be pleased to provide you with additional information when all necessary authorities are granted.

The best point of contact for any further inquiries is Mr. Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs Organization, who can be reached at 819-953-3760.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Wernick".

Michael Wernick

c.c.: Mr. Rick Stewart