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Dear Minister:

I have been contacted recently by Biolyse Pharma Corporation, which is located in the Niagara Peninsula, and am enclosing a copy of a letter that has been forwarded to your department by Brian Masse, the Member of Parliament for Windsor West. In his letter, Mr. Masse asks that oseltamivir phosphate be added to Schedule 1 of the Patent Act. Mr. Masse's letter sets out the rationale that the possibility of a pandemic is a very real concern to everyone, and to the extent that we prepare as a nation for that possibility, the better off we will all be.

This also has worldwide ramifications as any assistance that we might lend to countries outside of Canada in their efforts to contain a possible pandemic is consistent with Canada's obligations abroad.

Mr. John Fulton of Biolyse Pharma Corporation will be requesting a meeting with you. I support that request and would ask that your department, as well as the department of industry, look carefully into this important matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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c.c. Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry
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