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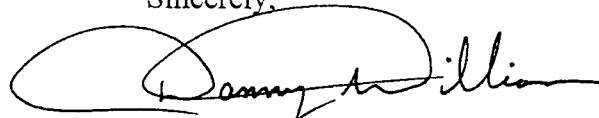
Dear Prime Minister:

Pursuant to our meeting on November 30, 2007, I am writing to ascertain if you have reached a decision with respect to the Hibernia 8.5% and related NPI interests. On an open line program today, your Atlantic Caucus Chairman Fabian Manning indicated that the matters discussed between us would not be addressed until after a federal election and our next discussion would not take place until January 11, 2008. To quote "And you know I truly believe that you that, after the next federal election that our government will return to power here in Ottawa and that you know those discussions will take place and begin to take place."

I therefore request that we receive an indication of your position before Christmas or I will assume that Mr. Manning's statement is correct and that a resolution will not be found in the meantime.

As I stated in our meeting this is unacceptable and our genuine attempt to find a resolution should not be interpreted as an abandonment of our position on your commitment and the financial consequences to Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,



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