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Hon. Lena Diab
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Dear Minister Diab:

I was contacted by Nova Scotian residents that work 10 minutes cross border in the community of Port Elgin, New Brunswick.

Recently they were required to take days off work due to the threat of Covid.

They were concerned that they were not eligible for the Coronavirus Paid Sick Leave Program because they worked cross border.

I assured them that they were eligible and spoke to their employer who is going to apply. The company name is Atlantic Windows. The company has production plants both in Amherst, NS and Port Elgin, NB.

I wanted to send this note to let you know there were some anxieties from our Nova Scotia residents that work cross border that they may not be eligible. I assured them as Nova Scotia taxpayers they would qualify but to let me know if they have any problems.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

CC: Brian Comer, Official Opposition Critic for Labour and Advanced Education