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From: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2 <Lloyd.Longfield.A2@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: October 18, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC); Kurusamy, Gowthaman (HC/SC)
Subject: Re: COVID Testing systems

Hi Tyler,

Thank you so much for your quick response and for looking into this for us, it's greatly appreciated.

Best,
Kaylie

From: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC) <tyler.freeman@canada.ca>
Sent: October 16, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2; Kurusamy, Gowthaman (HC/SC)
Subject: RE: COVID Testing systems

Hi Kaylie,

Thanks for bringing this to our attention. I'll connect with my team on this and hopefully can get you some info by Monday.

Tyler

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From: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2 [mailto:Lloyd.Longfield.A2@parl.gc.ca]
Sent: October 16, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC) <tyler.freeman@canada.ca>; Kurusamy, Gowthaman (HC/SC) <gowthaman.kurusamy@canada.ca>
Subject: Fw: COVID Testing systems

Good afternoon Gowthaman and Tyler,

I hope that you've both had a lovely week.

I wanted to reach out to you regarding a question that we've received from a journalist here in Guelph about testing kits/systems and the procurement. I've included his email below for you to review for the full details on his question.

However, he's inquiring about why our government is choosing to purchase tests from Abbott Labs tests in the US rather than comparable ones that are made in Canada, he is particularly referencing the two made in Guelph.


This individual would like to have a phone call with Lloyd sometime next week to discuss this further, so I was wondering if it would be at all possible for you to share any insight on this process with us ahead of the call that Lloyd could use in responding?

Thanks very much for your support. We are extremely grateful!

All the best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michael T Bridgeman 
Sent: October 16, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Longfield, Lloyd - M.P. <Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca>
Subject: COVID Testing systems

Hello Lloyd

I hope all is well with you and your family. I am following a story about the federal and provincial governments' procurement of COVID testing kits and systems and I am hoping you can help me make sense of the process. There are two Guelph based companies, Precision Biomonitoring and Songbird Life Science that have licensed and/or developed systems comparable to the Abbott Labs kits produced in the US yet our governments are purchasing the Abbott Labs tests. Is this simply a matter of economics (they had the lowest bid) or is there another reason such as efforts to coordinate with US efforts to standardize the process?

I would like to talk to you about this in person or if that can't be arranged, by phone.
Please give me a time and day I can call or expect your call.

Thanks

Troy Bridgeman

