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From: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2 <Lloyd.Longfield.A2@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: August 18, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: Re: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

Hi Tyler,

Pardon my delay in getting back to you. Just wanted to say thank you so much for sharing such a detailed response. It's greatly appreciated!

Best wishes!

Kaylie

From: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC) <tyler.freeman@canada.ca>
Sent: August 17, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2
Subject: RE: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

Hi Stephanie,

Sorry for the delay in getting you a response on this. Below is the response our dept has provided regarding your inquiry:

"Dear Ms. Stathopulos:

This is further to your email of August 5, 2020, regarding domestic capacity in the production of personal protective equipment (PPE) in Canada and the Medicom contract for such equipment.

In support of Canada's undertakings to combat the coronavirus pandemic, the Government of Canada is engaged in an unprecedented effort to acquire supplies and equipment to ensure that front-line healthcare workers and Canadians stay safe and healthy.

To date, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) has placed orders for millions of key items and has established agreements with Canadian companies, including Medicom, that are stepping up to support Canada's response to the pandemic.

We are ordering supplies from a diverse range of suppliers around the world and at home in anticipation of future needs. At the same time, we are directly supporting Canadian industry to scale up and retool to build much needed domestic capacity. The latter is on the rise domestically, and there has been tremendous ingenuity on the part of Canadians as they continue to ramp up and retool production lines. While domestic production of all types of PPE is increasing, the Government must still continue to procure supplies and equipment from abroad to meet our immediate needs and ensure that there is a steady supply of goods.

While putting in place made-in-Canada solutions, the Government of Canada has developed and implemented strong processes to ensure that goods received from abroad meet all necessary standards and requirements. Due diligence and quality assurance are happening at multiple points. Through a coordinated approach

involving different departments and agencies, the Government is making sure that the integrity of procurement processes is protected and that the PPE we procure is high quality.

With respect to current procurement efforts, PSPC requires bidders responding to tenders for PPE items to certify that they and their first-tier subcontractors comply with a set of eight fundamental human and labour rights. Among these rights are freedom from child labour, forced labour, discrimination and abuse, as well as access to fair wages and safe working conditions.

PSPC also administers the government-wide Integrity Regime. This regime is a ruled-based debarment system designed to help ensure that appropriate due diligence measures are being applied throughout the procurement process, and that the federal government does business with ethical suppliers in Canada and abroad.

In addition, the Public Health Agency of Canada has robust testing measures in place for the very purpose of ensuring quality control of essential products before they go out to provinces and territories.

Finally, the new [Industry Strategy Council](#), announced by the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, on May 8, 2020, builds on Canada's strong partnerships between government and industry to support Canadians and their jobs. It does so by providing a forum for experienced business leaders to share their perspectives regarding the impact of COVID-19 on key sectors of the Canadian economy.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,"

Tyler

From: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC)

Sent: August 14, 2020 12:06 PM

To: 'Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2' <Lloyd.Longfield.A2@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

Hi Kaylie,

I unfortunately have not received a response from the dept yet. I'll push them to get an eta.

Thanks for following up.

Tyler

From: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2 [<mailto:Lloyd.Longfield.A2@parl.gc.ca>]

Sent: August 14, 2020 8:11 AM

To: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC) <tyler.freeman@canada.ca>

Subject: Re: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

Hi Tyler,

I hope you're keeping well!

I wanted to follow up with you on this request to see if you had any lines or further insight on this request that you would be able to share with me at this time?

Thanks so much!

Kaylie Stathopoulos
Legislative Assistant
Office of MP Lloyd Longfield

From: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC) <tyler.freeman@canada.ca>
Sent: August 6, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2
Subject: RE: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

Hi Kaylie,

Absolutely, I'll send this in for a dept response and will share with you what I get!

Thanks

Tyler

From: Longfield, Lloyd - Assistant 2 [<mailto:Lloyd.Longfield.A2@parl.gc.ca>]
Sent: August 5, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Freeman, Tyler (SPAC/PSPC) <tyler.freeman@canada.ca>
Subject: Re: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

Good afternoon Tyler,

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying your week so far!

I wanted to reach out to you regarding this email we received from a constituent who has expressed continued concern around PPE. He is curious as to why we do not have a "total" made in Canada response for PPE at this time. He has also expressed concerns around Medicom contract for PPE. He's shared a link to a national post article with respect to the organization and potential issues around it. I've also included his email below for reference and greater context.

I'm wondering if you would be able to provide me with any insight or further information in to Medicom and a made in Canada approach that I could use in crafting a response for this individual?

I greatly appreciate any support that you can provide!

Thank you,

Kaylie Stathopoulos
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From: Peter Varnai <peter.varnai@sandvik.com>

Sent: August 5, 2020 1:22 PM

To: Longfield, Lloyd - M.P. <Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: With regard to PPE, recently we announced our country is nearly self-sufficient in the manufacturing of PPE in Canada

<https://nationalpost.com/news/local-news/quebec-company-with-no-factory-snags-133m-contract-to-make-ppe/wcm/80650ebd-0967-44cd-a14b-bc4b8d46404a/>

Please explain the process of this decision:

Why do we depend on hostile, corrupt human rights abusers. Why are we continuing to deal with this country??? (China)

Even having heavy dependence on USA supply chain is risky. Remember 3M masks, exports of those from the US was nearly stopped.

Can I get a detailed explanation on why we seem to lack a **total** made in Canada solution to ensure the safety of Canadians?

Is this "fake news" or maybe NP has it's facts wrong.

Can you direct my questions to the right people if needed. Maybe I am mis-understanding this story.

"Medicom received an initial \$19,922,868 contract to ship masks from its factories in Augusta, Georgia as well as **China**, Taiwan and France.

On April 26 it was given a \$93,564,000 contract to make masks in Quebec but it closed its last Canadian plant in 2019, in Granby, Que., in 2019."

Please ensure that jobs for Canadians are at the top of the list. Made in Canada for Canadians and others around the world. Please work to solidify closer trade deals with Britain as they work their way through Brexit. We should strengthen our ties with our all our Commonwealth allies.

We can do this but not without setting that direction from our countries top leadership. Just like JT did almost everyday with the fight against CV19. Everyday we need leadership to speak about jobs in order to mitigate the economical damage from CV19. Tourist, entertainment and airline industries employees will have to pivot to other well paying newly created jobs.

Mr. Longfield, I intend to convey my utmost respect through dialogue and maybe I need to have my understanding of the issues clarified. I appreciate that you take the time to respond and clarify the position of the Liberal government.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you very much for your valuable time.

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

From: Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca <Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:00 PM

To: Peter Varnai <peter.varnai@sandvik.com>

Subject: RE: Chinese company to supply security equipment RE response from P Varnai

Good afternoon Peter,

Thanks for following up and sharing additional feedback with me on some other areas of interest for you. I've taken note of some of your comments and concerns and will pass them along to my colleagues for further review and consideration.

RE: RE. Since the beginning of this pandemic, our government has partnered with industry to fight for the health and economic well-being of Canadians and businesses. I've seen from my time on the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and technology ho companies and the business community as a whole stepped up, to deliver breakthrough solutions, re-tooling and scaling up Canadian manufacturing to meet essential needs and demands.

Additionally, from the beginning our government knew it was critical to invest in research, so that our best and brightest minds can find therapies, treatments and a possible vaccines for COVID-19. That's why I was pleased to learn that earlier this month Health Canada approved the second clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine in Canada using the Medicago vaccine. This vaccine is made here in Canada and is now in human trials.

I'm always happy to connect with constituents and now with virtual meetings it's also more accessible for many Guelphites who may commute for work and can't meet in person at our office in Guelph or while I'm in Ottawa. My schedule is fairly full for the next few weeks but feel free to reach out if and when you'd like to connect and we can work out a time.

Thanks again for taking the time to write to me and share your thoughts and suggestions on these issues. Please stay in touch.

Best regards,

Lloyd

From: Peter Varnai <peter.varnai@sandvik.com>

Date: July 20, 2020 at 4:26:34 PM EDT

To: Longfield, Lloyd - M.P. <Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Chinese company to supply security equipment RE response from P Varnai

Thank you for your follow up I appreciate the time you take to be responsive and concerning.

I only mentioned that the security is only one concern.

Concerning Public Services and Procurement Canada:

I really am at a loss to understand the methods and strategies of this department. We should not request tenders from China anymore due to the human rights abuse and now the affair in Hong Kong. Not to mention the arbitrary detentions of our citizens. Please comment on our continued support of the regime.

We are viewed as weak and asking them to please supply equipment at a bargain basement price is making us a laughing stock.

We are in grave trouble as our economy is shrinking and unemployment is at an all time high. Yes you can say we "added" jobs last month but believe me this is going to get worse.

As a country we need to increase our manufacturing internally so we don't have to beg China for PPE and a vaccine which was recently holding up human trials in Canada.

Question. Why would we need to have any other country supply x ray machines? Why are we not building them ourselves?

Other issues I would like to bring to your attention.

Why are we not purchasing Swedish SAAB jet fighters. Brazil did and they are actually building components for that aircraft as SAAB wants to do here. Jobs first please. That means more tax revenue does it not?

Are we considering the SAAB jet fighter. Why did we spend another 70M\$ on the USA jet procurement process. BTW do not have Bombardier involved in any way as they are a disaster of a company and an embarrassment.

We need railcars for public transit and they can't fill the orders, have problems then we allow them to sell to Siemens. (I think) or was it a French company. In case Bombardier is just a small private jet company and nothing more.

We need to add value to our oil exports. Stop sending crude sludge into pipelines (that's another disaster). Add value to the product and then we can sell it for more than 40\$ US a barrel.

We need to develop as a country and as a work force. We are #7 in education but we don't leverage any of that to create quality jobs and increase tax revenue.

The number one issue is to create quality high skill jobs here in this country. And if we can't do it then we can learn how. It may cost a bit more but it's better for this country. When will the Liberal leadership actually challenge Canadian business to do it ourselves. When will the Liberal leadership challenge themselves to admit that we have manufacturing deficiencies that need addressing. We have to build on our health and security of our country to attract talent and business. You don't want to set up in USA right now and we should promote to setup and or move to Canada. We have to think about the teens who are going to graduate university and colleges. For me, an old guy I'll just need CPP and OAS and my RRSP/cash fund. LOL

I look forward to your response.

If possible maybe a virtual meeting sometime.

Thank you Sir!

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From: Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca <Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Peter Varnai <peter.varnai@sandvik.com>
Subject: Re: Chinese company to supply security equipment

Good afternoon Peter,

Thanks for taking the time to write to me and share your concerns regarding Nuctec.

I can assure you that the security and safety of people in our missions around the globe is a top priority.

We are currently looking into the offer with Nuctech Company to provide some security screening equipment in our missions abroad. That being said this standing offer is not a contract, and Global Affairs Canada (GAC) has not purchased any equipment from Nuctec at this time.

Any possible issue relative to security or safety, will be properly reviewed and all appropriate actions taken to ensure the safety of our missions around the world. In addition to this, the Minister has recently directed GAC officials to review our purchasing practices when it comes to security equipment and to continue reviewing the security of our missions around the globe.

This being said, I do understand your concerns and I've taken note of your feedback and shared it with my colleagues for further review in Ottawa. Please stay in touch and don't hesitate to reach out should you have any further questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Lloyd

From: Peter Varnai <peter.varnai@sandvik.com>
Date: July 17, 2020 at 2:46:57 PM EDT
To: Longfield, Lloyd - M.P. <Lloyd.Longfield@parl.gc.ca>
Subject: Chinese company to supply security equipment

Please explain the logic behind this terrible decision.

When will we have the common sense to stop giving in and supporting a human rights abuser?? And security threat..

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnationalpost.com%2Fnews%2Fchinese-government-owned-firm-wins-6-8m-contract-to-supply-security-equipment-to-canada-embassies&data=02%7C01%7Cpeter.varnai%40sandvik.com%7C9d0b0e7912cb434f2ae308d82db0ad9e%7Ce11cbe9cf68044b99d42d705f740b888%7C0%7C637309584149339739&sdata=EklFwbnVTiPHD1J3Dx0Qp%2BpvjhB LP%2FE82qHssCHsAP0%3D&reserved=0>

cancel this contract immediately please!

Chinese government-owned firm wins \$6.8M contract to supply security equipment to Canada's embassies

I look forward to your personal response.

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