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Subject: RE: Covid test kits

Hello Mr. McPhee,

Thank you for reaching to us and offering to help us distribute products to Canadians.

I am contacting you to share information with you regarding suppliers for goods and services related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, in addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is now proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs.

I invite you to share this website with your contact to fill out the following form so we can track the offer: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>. As this website will continue to be updated, I encourage you to check back for new information that may be posted.

Our department is reviewing the significant number of responses and identifying potential suppliers for the goods and services that may be required as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.

Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Chelsea Kusnick

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Objet : Covid test kits
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Mathieu

I have been reading about the early detection and mass testing benefits in Italy and elsewhere.

I have a friend from high school in South Africa who is a businessman and has significant contacts in China. He was offering, at cost, Covid supplies and test kits to whomever could arrange for the governments in countries to approve and order them.

In South Africa the problem is the government wants to allow their "Partners" to import them and mark them up.

I am trying to get access to our BC health minister through my NLA, but also thought I should let you take a look at it and pass it on to your colleagues and contacts federally.

Here is the information he sent me to give you an idea of cost and products.

He said that until he has government support to expedite import he is not bothering to provide Canada (or anywhere else) specific quotes and invoices, because that is the biggest hurdle right now – getting government approval to bring them in and not have them tied up in expensive warehouse space.

Have a look at this and let me know if you want me to put you or anyone else in government in contact with him.

Nothing in it for me at all. I just want to do what I can to try beat this.

If you have access to the health minister federally and they think this checks out, it could assist, I think.

Cheers and all the best to you.

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