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The Honourable John Roberts
Minister of the Environment
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Recent developments in the Hooker Chemicals and Plastics Corporation-owned Hyde Park dump case again necessitate immediate action on the part of the federal government departments of the Environment and External Affairs.

As you know, it has been discovered that David Twedell, the sole hydrogeologist testifying on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, misrepresented himself with respect to his qualifications and technical expertise before the district court in Buffalo and during the process of negotiation between Hooker and the U.S. government.

Mr. Twedell's testimony was regarded as a key element in the arguments of the U.S. government in favour of the proposed clean-up agreement.

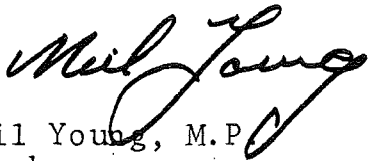
The accuracy of the entire proposed agreement between Hooker and the U.S. government has now been cast into serious doubt with the discovery that it was negotiated by a person misrepresenting his qualifications and technical expertise.

In view of these doubts, Canada should call on U.S. government officials to begin anew the process of negotiation with the view of arriving at a completely new proposal to clean up the wastes of the Hyde Park dump.

In addition, you should express your desire to U.S. government officials that the wastes contained in the Hyde Park dump be excavated, as has and continues to be the position of Pollution Probe, the organization that your department has provided financial and technical expertise with which to fight this issue in U.S. courts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Neil Young".

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c.c. The Honourable Mark MacGuigan.