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Honourable James Moore
Minister of Industry
Industry Canada
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister:

Subject: Deferral of Multi-Use Radio Services (MURS) in Canada

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is Ontario's largest, non-profit, conservation-based organization, representing 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 720 member clubs. It is our understanding that the use of Multi-Use Radio Services (MURS) Frequencies in Canada has been deferred, since the department does not feel the introduction of MURS devices in Canada is warranted until a clearer indication of actual need is provided by MURS advocates and stakeholders. The OFAH would like to know how Industry Canada engaged advocates and stakeholders to determine that MURS devices are not currently warranted.

This deferral is a great disappointment to the OFAH and a large number of our members and others across the country who had anticipated the legalization of GPS dog tracking systems on June 1, 2014, which is five years since the 2009 transition period began.

The OFAH strongly supports the implementation of MURS devices in Canada, so that our members can track their hunting dogs using the most advanced technology at their disposal.

We look forward to a prompt resolution to this problem and thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter.

Yours in Conservation,

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