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Dennis Young c/o Garry Breitkreuz, M.P. House of Commons Room 452D Centre Block OTTAWA ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act* dated November 4, 2002 for: On October 24, 2002, Dr. Henry Morgentaler said on CBC Newsworld Morning: "It delays the procedure, makes it impossible for them to have a therapeutic abortion because they're too far along." Please provide copies of documents, reports and risk/benefit analyses that would indicate at what point during pregnancies are abortions no longer "therapeutic".

I am advised by officials of our Population and Public Health Branch that Health Canada has no documents, reports and risk/benefit analyses that would indicate at what point during pregnancies abortions are no longer "therapeutic". You may wish to address your question to a provincial college of physicians and surgeons.

Note that in interpreting your request, we concentrated on the second sentence, as it was not clear to us what was referred to in the first sentence. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the processing of your request, do not hesitate to contact me (see attached).

Sincerely,

Margery Snider

Senior Assistant Coordinator

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