Assembly of First Nations





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Mr. Andrew Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) for your work and involvement to improve First Nations Oral Health.

The dedication and compassion you and your colleagues have expressed to improve the oral health of First Nations is encouraging and I would like to thank you and Dr. Phil Poon and Dr. Peter Neilson for inviting the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to participate in the CDA's "Annual Days on the Hill" event on October 19-20, 2011.

I understand that this is the second year that the CDA and the AFN Director of Health met with members of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs to discuss First Nations oral health and concerns regarding the Non-Insured Health Benefits Dental Program.

Thank you for inviting the AFN to participate. We are very encouraged by your support and commitment to improve the oral Health of First Nations in this country. The AFN looks forward to next year's "Days on the Hill" event.

Respectfully,

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo

National Chief