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Dear Mr. O'Sullivan:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 1999, with enclosures, concerning a National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign. The Right Honourable Prime Minister Jean Chrétien also sent me a copy of your letter.

Injury prevention is a priority for Health Canada. Injuries represent the leading cause of death for Canadians aged one to forty, and are a leading cause of fatality, hospitalization, and disability for persons over the age of sixty-five.

My Department conducts a range of initiatives and programs to reduce injury rates in Canada. Considering the efforts and the number of activities being undertaken across Canada to prevent and control injuries, Health Canada, in collaboration with other federal departments, provincial and territorial governments, non-government organizations and other stakeholders, is putting a structure in place to develop a national strategy for injury prevention and control.

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Your generous offer to work with my Department is timely and we will be contacting you in the near future to discuss the process and a potential role for your organization.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allan Rock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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