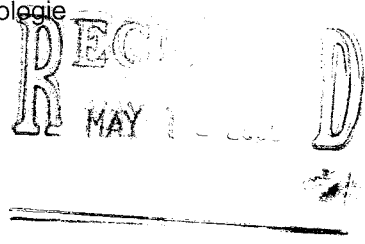




The Honourable L'honorable  
Gary Goodyear

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H5



08 MAY 2009

Ms. Dianne Kharouba  
President  
Canadian Health Libraries Association  
39 River Street  
Toronto, Ontario M5A 3P1

Dear Ms. Kharouba:

Thank you for your letter of March 17, 2009, regarding changes the National Research Council Canada (NRC) is implementing at the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI).

At the outset, I wish to assure you that the Government of Canada is committed to supporting Canada's innovation system, including the research, development, commercialization and innovation support activities of NRC. While the transformation of NRC-CISTI is significant, the government is committed to the important role of CISTI as the national science library and a key element of Canada's innovation infrastructure.

Last year, the Government of Canada introduced a new results-based expenditure management system called Strategic Review, which requires that all government organizations review their direct program spending and the operating costs of all of their major statutory programs every four years. The changes at NRC-CISTI are based on this review.

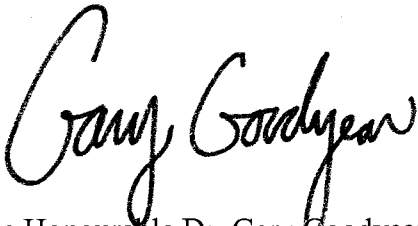
The resources from these Strategic Reviews are being reinvested in priority areas across government. In fact, we are investing \$5.1 billion in science and technology this year alone through Budget 2009, *Canada's Economic Action Plan*, including a \$200-million investment in NRC's Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP), which directly supports the innovation needs of Canada's small and medium-sized enterprises.

.../2

- 2 -

Thank you for sharing your concerns. Rest assured that NRC is working hard to support CISTI employees and stakeholders through this process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Goodyear". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "G".

The Honourable Dr. Gary Goodyear, P.C., M.P.