House of Commons

Room 635-S, Centre Block House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Tel.: 613-992-7148 Fax: 613-996-9125 Email: joy.smith@parl.gc.ca



Constituency Office 1795 Henderson Hwy Unit 13-C, McIvor Mall Winnipeg, MB R2G 1P3 Tel.: 204-984-6322 Fax: 204-984-6415 Email: joy@joysmith.ca

Joy Smith, B.Ed., M.Ed.

Member of Parliament for Kildonan-St. Paul

January 12, 2015

Valoree McKay, CAE Executive Director 1150 Morrison Drive, Suite 400 Ottawa, ON K2H 8S9

Dear Ms. McKay

Thank you for your concerns regarding Statistics Canada and Bill C-626.

Our government will continue to collect reliable statistical data while maintaining the privacy of everyday Canadians.

What we do not want to do, as MP Ted Hsu's Bill C-626 proposes, is to increase the burdensome red tape and costs to Statistics Canada, and ultimately taxpayers, with hundreds of thousands of dollars in more taxes.

Statistics Canada has said that the national household survey has yielded high-quality data that covers 97% of the Canadian population. That is getting it done for Canadians, and that is getting it done efficiently.

Once again, thank you for writing me about these concerns. Should you have any more questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joy Smith, B.Ed., M.Ed. Member of Parliament

Kildonan – St. Paul

RECEIVED JAN'1 5 2015

www.joysmith.ca twitter@/mpjoysmith facebook/mpjoysmith