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Dear Ms. Tevendale and Mr. Tylka:

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 2017 regarding acoustical standards in educational buildings and deaf and hard of hearing students.

In your letter, you asked for a status update of your proposal to include the ANSI S12.60 (2002), (2009) into the National Building Code. You have also asked what would be the next steps and how you may continue to be informed and involved in the process.

My officials have reached out to their colleagues at Codes Canada and have been informed that your code change request was on the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting in September. However, they were unable to confirm whether the issue was discussed because meeting minutes have yet to be published. May I suggest that you connect with the Secretary of the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes to obtain a copy of the minutes once they have been made public. They can be reached at 613-993-9960 or by email at codes@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

You may be interested in knowing that the National Research Council has recently opened their public review on proposed changes to Codes Canada publications which includes the National Building Code. For your reference, the National Research Council has a yearly public review, usually in the fall. It is an opportunity for the public to take a detailed look at proposed changes to the NBC and comment on each one as to whether it should be approved, altered or rejected. I would encourage you to engage in this process to raise the important issues regarding acoustical standards in educational buildings for deaf and hard of hearing students.

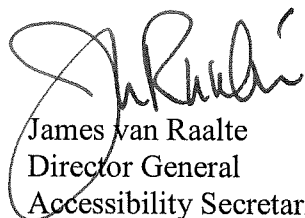
The public are invited to submit their comments at the following website https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes_centre/public_review/2017.html.

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Additionally, should you wish to attend a Codes Canada committee meeting as an observer, you may send the request to Codes Canada and the National Research Council. The following link will provide you with information regarding up-coming committee meetings as well as an email address where you may send your request https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes_centre/attend_meeting.html.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and share your concerns. Your input, along with that of others, will help to inform the development of future Government of Canada policies and programs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. van Raalte', is written over the typed name and title.

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