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Regulatory Cooperation Council
Government of Canada

To the RCC,

Nano Ontario, as a joint industry and academic organization advocating and representing nanotechnology in Ontario, has a keen interest in the regulation of nanotechnology. A well structured regulatory system for nanotechnology in Canada, the United States and worldwide provides guidance and a predictable business environment for the Ontario nanotechnology industry. A well structured and coordinated regulated nanotechnology framework will also benefit academic efforts, guiding research and development. As such, a shared or well coordinated regulatory framework between Canada and the United States will benefit cross border trade, collaboration and investment.

Nano Ontario wishes to express its hope that the Canadian regulatory frameworks developed in collaboration with the United States will be impartial, evidence based and free from political interference from special interest groups, both for and against nanotechnology. An honest and frank discussion of the benefits, costs and risks involved in the use and implementation of nanotechnology, and the impact of nanotechnology on society, environment and business requires input from all stakeholders. Nano Ontario welcomes all opportunities to contribute to an evidence based and productive discussion on the policies and regulations of nanotechnology.

Regards,

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