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Dear Mr. Ferris:

It was a great pleasure to meet you in Owen Sound, July 29. Thank you for your commitment to the goal of the worldwide eradication of polio. I really enjoyed seeing your amazing hand-cycle and you look wonderfully fit and at ease with your very ambitious 7,200 kilometer challenge. Your vision, message and team are inspiring!

Working for six years in Nigeria, I have seen the suffering of children and adults affected by polio. It is a horrible, preventable disease and I know we share the conviction that it can be eradicated from our world. Canadians are very fortunate to live in a country that is polio-free; the result of both of immunization and good sanitation. We do not have to worry about our children being disabled by polio. However, it is important for us to be reminded of our privilege as that can provide the motivation for us to vigorously pursue the goal to ensure that the rest of the world can be free of polio.

Thank you for coming to our community to remind us of our global responsibility. Thanks also to the local Rotary Club for their support of this endeavor and their on going support to many other important public health initiatives. I hope your journey is safe and rewarding for you, your team and the *Cycle to Walk* undertaking.

Together we can build a healthy world.

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