**Letter 1: Human Rights & Accessibility**

Subject: Demand for Retraction and Apology – Discriminatory Column on MCS

Dear Mr. Lagacé,

I was shocked to read your September 7 column in La Presse, which mocked fragrance-free policies and demeaned people with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS).

MCS is a recognized disability, protected under the Canadian Human Rights Act (2007), the Accessible Canada Act (2019), and Québec’s Charte des droits. The United Nations CRPD affirms the right to equal access and accommodation. In June 2025, the American Medical Association confirmed that fragrance sensitivity, MCS, is a disability, and can substantially limit major life activities and must be accommodated.

Your column trivialized these rights, dismissed legitimate accessibility measures, and contributed to stigma and discrimination. This harms not only people with MCS but also those living with asthma, migraines, autism, and other chronic conditions.

I urge La Presse to:
1. Retract the September 7 column;
2. Publish a public apology to Canadians with MCS;
3. Commit to consulting disability rights groups when covering accessibility issues.

Respectfully,
[Your Name]

**Letter 2: Personal Impact & Respect**

Subject: Please Retract and Apologize – Column on MCS

Dear Mr. Lagacé,

I am writing in response to your September 7 column. Your words were not harmless satire — they caused real harm to people living with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), a recognized disability.

As someone concerned about disability rights and inclusion, I believe the media has a duty to inform fairly, not to spread misinformation or ridicule. Articles like yours fuel stigma and give permission to dismiss or even target people with MCS.

This is unacceptable. Canadians with MCS deserve respect, dignity, and access to safe, fragrance-free spaces.

I join others in calling on La Presse to retract this article and issue a public apology.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]