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Mr. Scott Hutton Secretary General (Acting) Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Hutton,

Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365; CRTC Application #2017-0586-5 by Pelmorex Weather Networks (Television) Inc.

As the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke-Lakeshore. I am writing to voice my support for the application by Pelmorex for the continued and permanent distribution of The Weather Network and MétéoMédia on the basic TV service.

The Weather Network application is an essential public service which keeps me and the communities in my riding informed and safe. The Weather Network's distribution of local Environment Canada warnings, air quality indicators and road conditions is vital to my constituents. It is important that all my constituents, especially the elderly or those with fixed incomes, are able to continue to access The Weather Network in an affordable and convenient manner as part of the basic cable and satellite service. The Weather Network makes an essential contribution to public safety by operating and funding the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System, the backbone infrastructure of Canada's national emergency alerting system.

Representing an urban riding with a large population, I believe easy access to The Weather Network's reports and warnings from both provincial and federal agencies assist many of my constituents, including many elderly and those with medical conditions, affected by weather and environmental conditions.

Yours truly,

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