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December 5th, 2017

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.

I am writing to indicate my support for the application by Pelmorex for the continued and permanent distribution of The Weather Network and MétéoMédia on the basic TV service.

In my role on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety, I have heard about the essential contribution that the Weather Network plays in keeping our communities safe. Their funding and operation of the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System is part of the backbone of our national security infrastructure, and if not available to all Canadians on basic TV service would have to be replicated by the Government of Canada. Aside from the role that they play in the national security sphere, I support the Weather Network's application because it is an essential public service which keeps my constituents informed and safe. I have toured their facility and I know firsthand how important the work that they do is. Whether through the distribution of local Environment Canada warnings, air quality indicators and road condition updates my constituents rely on the information they received from the Weather network in planning their lives every day.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Pelmorex Communications, and I am prepared to appear at the public hearing in Gatineau to address the Commission's review of Pelmorex's application.

Thank you for your consideration as you review this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Damoff".

Pam Damoff
Member of Parliament for Oakville North-Burlington

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