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Mr. Scott Hutton
Secretary General (Acting)
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
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Dear Mr. Hutton,

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

I am Kevin Waugh, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Grasswood. I would like you to know that I support the application by Pelmorex for the continued and permanent distribution of The Weather Network and MeteoMedia on the basic cable service.

I support The Weather Network application because it is an essential public service that keeps me and my constituents informed; providing important and current weather information with 24 hour coverage. This valuable information provides peace of mind for all Canadians and contributes to the safety for everyone. The Weather Network needs to remain in the basic cable package on TV. It is affordable.

Not all Canadians can afford a more expensive TV cable package or satellite service. Many Canadians are on a fixed income, and not all Canadians have access to the internet.

A number of my constituents have commented that The Weather Network's 24 hour service helps them to make travel plans and assists people who work shift work. These people can plan ahead and stay safe.

Families often celebrate important events outdoors; weddings, anniversaries, family reunions and birthdays. As people plan for these events, they often turn to The Weather Network to assist them with their plans. My family and I have done this on many occasions.

It is also an excellent educational resource for everyone.

The Weather Network provides important emergency alerts for your area, which is invaluable, contributing to public safety, by operating and funding the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System.

The Weather Network provides a valuable service to my constituents, and to me and my family. All Canadians benefit from the excellent information available on the Weather Network that includes Environment Canada warnings, air quality indicators, road conditions, and current weather conditions.

It is important that the CRTC ensures this vital service remains part of the basic TV service on a permanent basis.

Yours truly,

Kevin Waugh, MP
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c.c. I have sent a copy of this letter to Pelmorex Communications, regulatory@pelmorex.com