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Mr. Seidl:

As Ontario's Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services it is my responsibility to ensure that Ontario's communities are supported and protected by law enforcement and public safety systems that are safe, secure, effective, efficient, and accountable.

An important aspect of ensuring our communities are safe is the ability to alert people to emergency situations through an effective public alerting system. In Ontario, we use the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System (NAAD) to distribute these messages to the public, through broadcasters, from our Provincial Emergency Operations Centre. With increasing weather events happening in our province, the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System (NAAD) is critical to the dissemination of information in a timely way to the public.

I understand Pelmorex Media has applied for the license renewal of The Weather Network/MeteoMedia as per Broadcast Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365. I want to ensure you are informed that Pelmorex has been a collaborative partner and highly responsive to our provincial needs. As the current provider of public alerting, they have been and are leading the innovation in how the public alerting system is changing across Canada. Pelmorex has delivered valuable service to Ontario and the public through their operation of this system and we hope that they choose to continue to operate the NAAD into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Lalonde'.

Marie-France Lalonde
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services