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

Dear Mr. Hutton,

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. As Member of Parliament for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, I understand that access to weather updates is of crucial importance to farmers, boaters, and residents of rural areas more generally.

I support The Weather Network's application because it is an essential public service which keeps 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 basic cable and satellite service.

This issue is compounded in my riding due to the lack of high-speed internet access in rural areas. Additionally, many seniors do not have computers, making easily-accessible weather updates through television service even more important. Many of my constituents must drive long distances to travel to work, shopping, community events, etc.; therefore, weather reports and road conditions provided by The Weather Network are important to their day-to-day-lives. The CTRC must ensure this vital service remains part of basic TV service.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Pelmorex Communications, as well. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Bev Shipley, MP
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