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To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter to affirm my full support to renew the license of The Weather Network to remain on the basic television service.

I wanted to emphasize the value that The Weather Network plays in delivering local weather and public safety information to the diverse members of my constituency, Cloverdale-Langley City. The members of my riding are a part of only one of more than 1,000 Canadian communities that benefit from the vital services from this channel. This includes Canadians from rural and remote communities with no other access to local weather. Canadians from coast to coast to coast rely on these public services to go about their day to day lives safely and effectively, and fundamentally deserve to have access to these services on a basic television service, without subscription.

The current services provide Canadians information they need, including local weather and televised alerts regarding threat-to-life and dangerous weather conditions. The Weather Network helps Canadians plan their days, including how to dress their selves and their family, whether to apply sunscreen, or whether to leave early to arrive on time because of poor road conditions. This channel is also essential for Canadians during active weather situations so they can prepare and plan to be ready in any scenario.

Further it provides funding for and operation of the technical infrastructure for Canada's national emergency alerting system, which is essential for any major weather crisis that could impact Canadians across the nation. Finally it includes programming that reflects Canada's unique relationship with our weather and climate, including how communities in Canada's North and across the country are feeling the impacts of climate change. This will absolutely be essential moving forward as Canadians will increasingly face the effects of climate change.

Removing this channel from the basic service would require Canadians to pay more to access The Weather Network or have no access at all. It would also affect the ability of this service to continue

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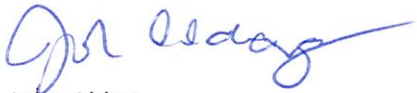


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serving all Canadian communities equally. Canadians across the country deserve equal and extensive coverage of weather services that are absolutely essential to their day to day lives.

I offer you my wholehearted support for the renewal of The Weather Networks current license. Thank you for your time and consideration for this truly vital request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Aldag". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Aldag