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Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada, K1A 0N2

**Re: The Weather Network Application for Renewal
Application #2017-0586-5/Consultation #2017-365**

I am writing to show my support for The Weather Network's application for renewal and also to stress the importance of this network remaining available on the basic television service available to all subscribers.

I am currently the Mayor of the City of Kenora. We are confronted with very unique challenges in Northwestern Ontario. With colder than average winters and higher than average hydro costs the cost of living is already extremely high in this part of the province, especially during the winter months. Expensive cable and satellite TV packages are a luxury that some cannot afford. The population is spread over a very large geographic area and some communities still do not have access to reliable internet or cellular service as an alternate means of accessing accurate weather information. Kenora is over 200 kilometres away from Winnipeg, and 500 kilometres from Thunder Bay, the two major cities which we often have to travel by vehicle to for specialized medical care.

Communities and residents in Northwestern Ontario value and rely heavily on The Weather Network's local forecast to help us plan our day. It lets us know what to wear and how to dress our families, especially during the winter months when we get significant snow fall amounts and when wind chill temperatures can drop as low as -50 degrees Celsius. We rely very strongly on the service for road conditions and long distance travel so that we can plan and stay safe when we *must* travel. It is also important that public alerts remain accessible to all Canadians to ensure these alerts are serving their purpose.

Higher costs to access the Weather Network and reduced access to weather and safety information would be detrimental to City of Kenora residents and our surrounding communities. We value and rely on these services every day. Please consider the needs of all Canadians by allowing The Weather Network to continue to serve and be available to all communities by remaining on the basic television packages.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Canfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

David S. Canfield

Mayor