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Subject: Response to Questionnaire about TVO

Dear Jeanne d'Arc,

New Democrats support the mandate of TVO and recognize the essential contribution that TVO makes to our province. We have been concerned about the cutback in original programming and the intention to decrease government support for TVO. Even more so, these intended cuts have been done without consulting Ontarians, in spite of the broad support that TVO receives from the public.

It has been almost five years since a legislative committee of MPPs reviewed TVO. That committee's findings spoke to the strengths and benefits of TVO and provided recommendations to further grow our public broadcaster. New Democrats would support MPPs undertaking a renewed look at TVO. We believe that that any change to the mandate or funding level of TVO should be fully explored prior to it being made. A formal consideration of issues such as the selection of CEO and Board Chair, improving coverage for all regions of Ontario, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of TVO should be undertaken.

New Democrats are strong supporters of public broadcasting and recognize the important contribution that TVO makes to meeting the educational needs of our young people and to the culture of our province as a whole. We will continue to be willing active partners in supporting TVO.

Sincerely,

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