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Elizabeth May
Leader of the Green Party of Canada
Constituency
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Dear Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada,

We want to thank you and the Green Party of Canada for championing a strong, independent CBC/Radio Canada as part of your federal election campaign.

Your eloquent defense of a properly funded, independent national public broadcaster accessible to Canadians from coast to coast resonates with a great majority of Canadians who continue to speak up for a strong CBC/Radio-Canada in their communities.

We know you will continue to stand up for a national public broadcaster with predictable, reliable, long-term base funding, and an arm's-length process to appoint the CEO and Board of CBC/Radio-Canada to ensure its independence from political influence.

Immediate priorities are reversing the recent \$115-million budget cut imposed by Stephen Harper and his Conservative government, investing more in a stable, accessible CBC/Radio-Canada, and repealing Division 17 of Conservative omnibus Bill C-60, which allows political interference in CBC's daily operations, thereby threatening the journalistic integrity of the country's largest news organization.

Our hope is that broad support and restoring these funds will force CBC/Radio-Canada's management to stop ongoing cuts, as well as plans to sell the Corporation's production facilities, all decisions that critically impair CBC/Radio-Canada's ability to produce local news and award-winning documentaries, to serve Canadians in the North, and to create original in-house Canadian programming in both official languages.

We are available to meet with you at the earliest convenience to exchange information on our shared objectives of a vibrant, independent CBC/Radio-Canada.

Sincerely,

Carmel Smyth, President of the Canadian Media Guild (CMG)

Isabelle Montpetit, President of the Syndicat des Communications de Radio-Canada (SCRC)

Georges Amar, President of the Association des Réalisateur(e)s de Radio-Canada (AR)