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Mr. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister-designate of
Canada

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Dear Prime Minister-designate Justin Trudeau,

Thank you for championing CBC/Radio Canada and ensuring your place in history by safeguarding Canada's national public broadcaster.

Your government's commitment to reverse the recent \$115-million budget cut imposed by Stephen Harper and his Conservative government, and to invest an additional \$35-million in annual funding is crucial to CBC/Radio-Canada's survival. Another crucial step a Liberal government can take to guarantee our public broadcaster's autonomy is to immediately repeal Division 17 of Conservative omnibus Bill C-60, which allows political interference in CBC/Radio-Canada's daily operations, thereby threatening the journalistic integrity of the country's largest news organization.

We hope the firm commitment and restoring these funds will force CBC/Radio-Canada's management to stop the ongoing cuts as well as plans to sell the Corporation's production facilities, all decisions that critically impair CBC'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 also support the Liberal Party's commitment to review the process by which CBC/Radio Canada's President and Board of Directors are selected to ensure merit-based, independent appointments.

We are available to meet with you or the appropriate Minister, at the earliest convenience if we can help get the process started.

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 (ARRC)

CC: Honourable Stéphane Dion, MP Saint-Laurent-Cartierville