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Mr. Thomas Mulcair
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Dear Mr. Tom Mulcair, Leader of the NDP,

Thank you and your colleagues in the NDP for championing a vibrant, independent CBC/Radio Canada throughout the federal election campaign.

We appreciate the long history of support by the NDP for a strong, independent national public broadcaster accessible to Canadians from coast to coast.

No doubt NDP MPs will continue to play a strong role in our Parliament. We hope they will continue to stand up for a national public broadcaster with guaranteed stable funding, editorial independence from government, production capacity and an independent process for nominating CBC/Radio-Canada's president and board of directors.

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 also support the NDP's commitment to an independent and objective nomination process to get the best Canadians for the jobs of CBC/Radio-Canada President and Board of directors.

We are available to meet with you and your NDP colleagues at the earliest convenience to exchange information on our shared objectives of a properly funded, 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)

CC: Pierre Nantel, MP Longueuil–Pierre-Boucher