

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

PROTECT OUR CBC

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

THAT, WHEREAS the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), as the national public broadcaster, plays an important role in reflecting Canada and its regions to national and regional audiences, while serving the special needs of those regions;

WHEREAS in our current media environment, public broadcasting is an essential promoter and defender of Canadian culture, in both French and English;

WHEREAS Canadians should continue to have access to Canadian stories and Canadian content and media should provide vibrant and rewarding new avenues for expression by Canadian artists;

WHEREAS Canada requires a broadcaster that reflects the different needs and circumstances of each official language community, including the particular needs and circumstances of English and French linguistic minorities;

WHEREAS Canadians can benefit from a shared national consciousness and identity;

WHEREAS the public broadcasters, Radio Canada and CBC, have a crucial role to play in achieving these objectives;

WHEREAS the CBC requires steady funding to maintain national, regional and local programming, including news coverage and services to linguistic minorities throughout Canada;

WHEREAS every dollar that Canadians invest in public broadcasting creates almost four dollars in economic value for the Canadian economy, regional and local economies, as well the cultural sector, independent production, technology and Canadian talent;

WHEREAS the direct public funding of \$1.1 billion, together with CBC/Radio-Canada's self-generated revenues, generates \$3.7 billion to economic value;

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call on the House of Commons to ensure stable and predictable long-term core funding to the public broadcaster, including CBC Radio and Radio Canada, in support of their unique and crucial roles.

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