



Via fax  
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November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Mr. John Traversy  
Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-television and  
Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0N2

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Dear Sir:

**Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012-560, Item 1 – Public Hearing  
Commencing on 11 December 2012 – Non-compliance of OWN Inc. Mandatory  
Order Hearing – Reference Number : 2012-1233-1**

The attached is a list of persons who have provided interventions in support of OWN Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Corus Entertainment Inc., announced in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012-560, Item 1.

This is to confirm that:

- i. the persons named on this list have requested that this applicant submit the attached interventions on their behalf;
- ii. each person named on this list has been informed by this applicant that their name will be posted on the Commission's website as part of the public record of this proceeding and that all information provided by this person becomes part of a publicly accessible file, including personal information such as full name, e-mail address, postal/street address, telephone and facsimile number(s) and any other personal information provided; and
- iii. no person named on this list requested to appear at the hearing.

Michelle Farres on behalf of  
Corus Entertainment Inc.

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1	Pyramid Productions Inc.	Kristie McLellan Day	Chief Executive Officer
2	Lone Eagle Entertainment	Michael Geddies	N/A
3	Mountain Road Productions	Tim A.P	Executive Producer

4	Take the Shot Productions	Rob Blackie	Producer	
5	Cream Productions	Christopher Rowley	Co-Founder, Executive Producer	
6	Anaid Productions	Helen Schmidt	VP Business Affairs	
7	Temple Street Productions	John Young	Managing Director	
8	Gordon Drake Inc.	Bruce Ellis	President	
9	Proper Television	Guy O'Sullivan	President	
10	eOne	Margaret O'Brien	President, Canada & CEO	
11	Prota! Media Inc.	Andrea Gabourie	Partner/Executive Producer	
12	Just For Laughs	Andy Nulman	President, Festivals and Television	
13	Worldwide Bag Media	Anna Walner & Kristina Matisic	President & CEO	
14	N/A	Kimberly Coghlan-Greco	N/A	
15	N/A	Judit Cropper	N/A	
16	N/A	Katherine Trowell	N/A	
17	N/A	Heather Boudreau	N/A	
18	N/A	Gisele Guenard	N/A	
19	N/A	Doreen Ashton Wagner	N/A	
20	N/A	Pamela Taylor	N/A	
21	N/A	Christine Misiak	N/A	
22	N/A	Cathy Hollett	N/A	
23	N/A	Sandy Seibel	N/A	
24	N/A	Judith Gibson	N/A	
25	N/A	Shannyn Smith	N/A	
26	N/A	Tina Kashyap	N/A	
27	N/A	Lillian Pettit	N/A	
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35	N/A	Sharon Dawit	N/A
36	N/A	Nancy Brideau-Chouinard	N/A
37	N/A	Taryn Winsor	N/A
38	N/A	Karen Robinson	N/A
39	N/A	Lezlie Harper Wells	N/A
40	N/A	Reem Almashhadani	N/A
41	N/A	B. Antone	N/A
42	N/A	Lisa Neville	N/A
43	N/A	Dillon & Bernice Blackman	N/A
44	N/A	Michelle Dailyn	N/A
45	N/A	Lisa Shepherd	N/A
46	N/A	Michael Stretch	N/A
47	N/A	Maria Ryan	N/A
48	N/A	Deborah Japaul	N/A
49	N/A	George Charalambour	N/A
50	N/A	Heather DelRosario	N/A
51	N/A	Sherrie Virtue	N/A
52	N/A	Debbie Clarke	N/A
53	N/A	Krista Lewis	N/A
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55	N/A	Sherri McLean	N/A
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59	N/A	Cathy Zadorsky	N/A

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62	N/A	Carol Marriott	N/A
63	N/A	Stephaine Escott	N/A
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70	N/A	Kristi Piirtoniemi	N/A
71	N/A	Katie Funk	N/A
72	N/A	Sandy Melanson	N/A
73	N/A	Jocelyn Gariepy	N/A
74	N/A	Terri Sawka	N/A
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77	N/A	Cheryl Hamilton	N/A
78	N/A	Lisa Méthot	N/A
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80	N/A	Dawn Gordon	N/A
81	N/A	Colleen Truys	N/A
82	N/A	Susan Inacio	N/A
83	N/A	Glenda Chaulk	N/A
84	N/A	Lindsay Brumwell	N/A
85	N/A	Heidi Snelling	N/A
86	N/A	April Brophy	N/A
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92	N/A	Carol Guertin	N/A
93	N/A	Susan Cave	N/A
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95	N/A	Elaine McPherson	N/A
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98	N/A	Ann-Marie John	N/A
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100	N/A	Adeline Bird	N/A
101	N/A	April MacLean	N/A
102	N/A	Tara Millid	N/A
103	N/A	Madine Cooke	N/A
104	N/A	Sharon Massey	N/A
105	N/A	Colin Cayer	N/A
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107	N/A	Sandra Rot	N/A
108	N/A	Margaret Ward	N/A
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110	N/A	Sylvie LeBreton	N/A
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113	N/A	Cassandra Puckett	N/A
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119	N/A	Jennifer Near	N/A
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125	N/A	Lorna Gurn	N/A
126	N/A	Tei Brar	N/A
127	N/A	Norma Jean Calder	N/A
128	N/A	Donna Gratton	N/A
129	N/A	Michelle Irvine	N/A
130	N/A	Jung Jin Kim	N/A
131	N/A	Barbara Rockett	N/A
132	N/A	Noeleen Gray	N/A
133	N/A	Susan Wheeler	N/A
134	N/A	Elizabeth Toole	N/A
135	N/A	Karen Hughes	N/A
136	N/A	Janice Lager	N/A
137	N/A	Elizabeth Kennedy	N/A
138	N/A	Raemonde Becenar	N/A
139	N/A	Andrea Doucette	N/A
140	N/A	Patricia Hennick	N/A
141	N/A	Mamie Wright	N/A
142	N/A	Genevieve Young	N/A
143	N/A	Rita Heslop	N/A

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November 11, 2012

Secretary General CRTC  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Re: OWN Inc. Across Canada Reference 2012-1233-1

Pyramid Productions Inc. is a privately-held television production company located in Calgary, Alberta. Pyramid is a 30-year-old company that currently employs more than 65 full-time staff. Pyramid provides quality programming that includes documentary, educational, reality, scripted drama and entertainment series to networks in Canada including: CORUS, CBC, Bell Media, Rogers, APTN, Shaw, Movie Central, Biography Channel, Book TV, Bravo! and in the USA: A&E's Biography Channel, PBS, TuffTv and TV Guide.

We are pleased today to be writing this intervention in support of renewal of the OWN license. We are a company that does not just hire sporadically. Thanks to the CRTC and Canadian networks, we have contributed to creating a television industry in Alberta. Sixty-five families are supported by the work provided in part by Corus. OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network is of particular value to a company like ours. We create programming for Canadians, but by creating shows for OWN Canada Canadian companies like ours are able to demonstrate our expertise and create an appetite for Canadian programs throughout the world.

From our point of view it is essential to continue licenses to networks like OWN. There are fewer buyers in the market now and many of them are looking only for big budget, American-cloned programming. The smaller series that reflect and forward Canadian culture and values that OWN is positioned to licence provide the bread and butter for many of us. Original Canadian series like OWN's "Million Dollar Neighbourhood" reflect Canadian culture and allow Canadian producers to create original Canadian formats that can be successful around the world.

We have recently embarked on an original Canadian format, "Burger Wars", for OWN Canada's sister network CMT Canada. The series is totally unique and quintessentially Canadian in tone. We have great confidence that with Corus' support, this series will translate into a Canadian hit and an international format success. Broadcast partnerships like CMT and OWN Canada help position our shows for such international success and give us a

very powerful international sales “calling card”. We are excited at the prospect of OWN continuing in Canada.

We thank the CRTC for its strong commitments to the production community and we thank Corus for their unflagging support of Alberta productions.

We appreciate your time and interest in our views.

Sincerely,  
Kirstie McLellan Day  
Chief Executive Officer,  
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November 9, 2012

Mr. John Traversy  
Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Traversy:

**Re: Application by Corus to operate the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) as a Category B Service (Case # 579876)**

This letter is being sent in support of Corus' application with respect to OWN.

Lone Eagle has been in the television production business for more than 15 years and is based in Toronto. We are one of Canada's leaders in the creation and production of unscripted programs.

While we have not produced any programming for OWN to date, we believe that it is an important service for Canadian viewers and provides an excellent opportunity for Canadian producers to develop and produce programming that provides content with learning objectives. There is also excellent potential for this programming to be sold to OWN in the US and to various broadcasters around the world.

As such, we strongly believe that the continued availability of OWN would greatly benefit the Canadian production community as well as the Canadian broadcasting system as a whole and the people it serves.

Thank you for your consideration of our submissions.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant.

Yours truly

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Michael Geddes

c.c. Corus Entertainment Inc.



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November 12, 2012

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Oprah Winfrey Network Canada Support for December Hearing**

Mountain Road Productions is an Ottawa-based independent production company that has a history of producing high quality factual content for a variety of Canadian broadcasters. Having a longstanding relationship with Corus Entertainment, Mountain Road is currently in production on the second season of the home renovation and design series *All For Nothing?* that will air on OWN this January. As an active contributor to the Canadian television industry and colleague of Corus Entertainment, we wish to offer the utmost support for Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) Canada and its content.

The establishment of OWN Canada has undeniably been a positive force in the Canadian broadcasting landscape, by offering successful service available to all Canadians and by creating a significant opportunity for independent producers to create and produce Canadian content at a world-class level. The original Canadian programming for OWN Canada has received top ratings and is often distributed in the United States and other international markets; consequently, providing additional benefits for independent producers.

Since its inception, OWN Canada has proven to offer superior programming with broad appeal and its continued national success will undoubtedly propel content to succeed in other markets. Striving to ensure strong opportunities both inside and outside of Canada is an on-going goal for OWN and is reflected in their content and professional dealings with independent producers, which clearly meets both the mandate of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and public interest.

The brand recognition of OWN Canada alone has provided independent productions with an accreditation that would otherwise not be afforded, and has translated into greater viewing of domestic content. As the number of Canadians viewing Canadian content increases, profit and investment into the industry becomes greater and will ensure additional content being generated. In turn, this becomes an important opportunity to stimulate the growth of content with learning objectives. Without a Canadian version of the service, many Canadian consumers will seek out the American alternative; thus forfeiting viable opportunities for the Canadian production community.

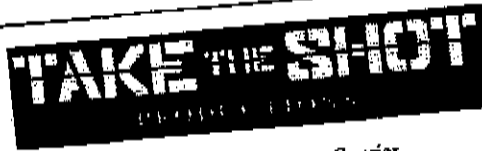
It is broadcasters such as OWN Canada in particular that will ensure a prosperous and healthy Canadian television industry and it is with great resolve that we offer our support to OWN Canada as they continue to develop their identity to further cultivate content with learning objectives.

Sincerely,

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Tim Alp  
Executive Producer  
Mountain Road Productions

November 12, 2012



Take The Shot Productions Inc.  
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rob Blackie and I am a Producer with Take the Shot Productions in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador.

I understand that the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is reviewing whether The Oprah Winfrey Network Canada (OWN) is compliant with its mandate as an educational service. I recognize how important it is to provide educational content to audiences. At Take the Shot we take pride in producing content that is both entertaining and informative.

OWN is an exceptionally strong brand with a far-reaching access to audiences. Channels such as OWN provide Independent producers like myself, my business partners and my colleagues with the opportunity to provide Canadians with Canadian content that satisfies our criteria of being entertaining and informative. Furthermore, since OWN has distribution in the US as well as internationally, it provides us with the opportunity to reach a wider audience and for Canadian content to be spread throughout the world. This translates into a considerably larger viewing of Canadian content. In turn, a greater "return on investment" is generated for the system.

When producers like me create Canadian television and obtain success in Canada with opportunities to extend that success to other markets, one of the CRTC's main pillars - ensuring strong opportunities domestically and internationally for creators - is fulfilled. This clearly meets public interest.

With this, I implore you to recognize OWN as a fixture in the Canadian broadcasting family and allow it to make any necessary changes to its programming schedule to increase the programming that will meet with the Commission's expectations in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Rob Blackie  
 Producer



Tuesday November 12, 2012

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
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**Re: Notice of Hearing – OWN Inc. Ref: 2012-1233-1**

To whom it may concern:

Cream Productions is an independent television production company based in Toronto known by networks in Canada and around the world for making top-quality factual television.

Cream Productions was founded in 2003 by myself, Christopher Rowley and David Brady. In 2011 Cream produced over 53 hours of dynamic television over 9 series and this year has produced several new original series including *Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan* for BBC America, OLN Canada and Channel 5 in the UK, *Treasure Trader* for History Television Canada, a series for HGTV Canada entitled *Esther Extraordinaire* and a new documentary series for Slice Network called *Golden Gays*.

We have also produced series such as *Sibling Rivalry* for the Corus group (W Network) and have a strong working relationship with them. OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network is a channel that we are actively developing ideas for and it is an important channel within the Canadian television landscape. It is a robust, internationally recognized brand that provides a marquis platform for Canadian programming.

It is important to note that Canadian programming produced for OWN not only reaches our country, but often also is carried throughout the United States on OWN and around the world. This heightens the visibility of Canadian-made series and via international distribution, can provide considerable back-end profits for our programming,



Having a successful program in Canada bolstered by the opportunity for commercial success internationally helps not only build a homegrown production company, but it also meets the public interest in supporting one of the nation's key cultural exports.

Over \$10 million has been triggered toward original Canadian programming since the launch of OWN's Canadian service in 2011, an invaluable contribution to the continued health and growth of the Canadian creative economy.

OWN also provides an important opportunity for independent producers to provide content with learning objectives. Without a Canadian version of the service, Canadian consumers would have to try to secure the American version of OWN, which would be a clear loss of opportunity for Canadian producers and for Canadian viewers wanting a domestic take on the informational and educational content OWN has to offer.

We would therefore urge the CRTC to continue to support the licensing of this widely recognized brand in Canada and to allow Corus to build on its success, in partnership with local producers like ourselves.

Best wishes

Christopher Rowley,  
Co-Founder, Executive Producer  
Cream Productions



November 9, 2012

John Traversy  
Secretary General  
**Canadian Radio-television and  
Telecommunications Commission**  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Traversy:

**Re: OWN Inc. - Reference 2012-1233-1**

This is a letter of support for OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada) operated by Corus Entertainment.

Anaïd Productions is an award-winning, internationally recognized television production company incorporated in 1993 with offices in Edmonton, AB and Vancouver, BC. We are committed to creating diverse programming with high production values and compelling content as can be seen in our past projects: *The Liquidator* (OLN), *Hail Mary* (Citytv), *X-Weighted* (Slice), *The Rig* (OLN), *Mentors* (Family Channel), *The Quon Dynasty* (Citytv & Omni), *Family Restaurant* (Food Network), and *Taking It Off* (Slice).

OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada) has a close relationship with the Canadian independent production community and provides important opportunities for independent producers to create and produce Canadian content. The fact that OWN is available across the country enables our Canadian programming to be available to all Canadians.

Anaïd is currently in development with OWN on a television series that will educate viewers in an informal manner. Their support enables us to continue to develop and create television series for Canadian viewers as well as for U.S. and international distribution and remain a successful independent production company in Western Canada.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Schmidt".

Helen Schmidt, VP Business Affairs

c.c. Vibika Bianchi, Corus Entertainment  
Michelle Farres, Corus Entertainment

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November 12, 2012

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada, K1A 0N2

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: CRTC's Review of OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada)**

I am writing to the CRTC on behalf of Temple Street Productions in support of OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada).

Temple Street Productions is an award-winning independent producer of television, film and digital media content based in Toronto, Canada. The company produces a wide range of scripted and unscripted productions such as *Being Erica* (CBC, SOAPnet), *Wingin' It* (Family Channel), *Recipe to Riches* (Food Network, Global), *Over the Rainbow* (CBC), *Cover Me Canada* (CBC), *Billable Hours* (Global, Showcase), *Canada's Next Top Model* (CTV).

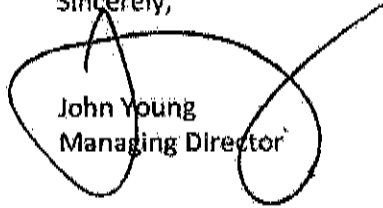
Temple Street believes OWN Canada is an essential Canadian broadcast service, providing a range of educational and informative original programming to Canadian viewers, under the directive of a strong brand and a schedule of programming of the highest quality and integrity. As a Canadian independent production company, we rely to a significant degree on development and production financing support from Canadian broadcasters, like OWN Canada. Corus Entertainment's OWN Canada provides Temple Street, and other Canadian television producers, the backing to create and produce original Canadian content. With OWN Canada's financial support, Temple Street has the opportunity to develop and own original intellectual property that Temple Street can sell for broadcast not only in Canada, but also on the OWN network in the US, as well through international distribution channels, thus providing additional monetary benefits for Temple Street and greater prominence in the worldwide television production community. Thus, OWN provides creators with a multi-level platform for success domestically and internationally, hence fulfilling one of the defining elements of the CRTC's mission.

OWN has quickly defined itself as an essential broadcast service here in Canada as it provides content creators with a home to develop a brand of programming with educational and information based objectives across a variety of topics and themes – a service which is otherwise limited here in Canada when it comes to homes for original Canadian content of this nature.

Additionally, Temple Street is confident that if approved, OWN's proposal to alter its schedule in order to facilitate more programming in support of the Commission's mandate, will provide even greater opportunities to the Canadian independent production community.

We strongly support the continued operation of OWN Canada and encourage you to recognize the importance of OWN Canada in your review of the services.

Sincerely,



John Young  
Managing Director

**GORDON DRAKE** INC  
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Ottawa,  
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Nov. 12, 2012

Dear CRTC decision makers,

My name is Bruce Ellis and my company Gordon Drake Incorporated is an independent, Canadian television production company that actively develops and supplies the Corus family of networks, including OWN, with quality Canadian original programming.

As a content provider, it is vital that the CRTC continues to facilitate world-class outlets for our work. We are encouraged as we watch OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network gain momentum in the Canadian market place. OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network has developed a proven slate of programming that is having impact, both domestically and abroad. This is great news for producers.

As an educationally-driven network, OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network provides an ideal opportunity for domestic producers to pursue the creation of content that truly matters – content that is insightful, knowledge-based and inspiring. We believe there is an on-going appetite for this nature of programming in Canada and we want to be a part of it.

Sincerely,



Bruce Ellis  
Gordon Drake Inc.  
President

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November 12, 2012

To Whom It May Concern  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: **OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network Letter of Support**

Proper Television is pleased support OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada) and its continuing mandate to commission and broadcast educational programming to its Canadian viewers.

Proper Television is currently producing two pilots for OWN and would like to demonstrate its support since OWN it is a successful service with a strong brand that is available to all Canadians. OWN provides an important window for independent producers, like myself, to create and produce Canadian content with learning objectives and OWN's success means greater viewing of Canadian content which in turn generates more money and investment into Canadian production.

In addition, not only does OWN Canadian programming receive distribution in Canada but in many cases on the OWN service in the United States, as well as international distribution, which provides additional backend profits for Canadian independent producers. Success in Canada, with an opportunity to extend that success in other markets, means that one of the CRTC's main pillars, ensuring strong opportunities domestically and internationally for creators, will be fulfilled, and that this clearly meets the public interest.

Without a Canadian version of the service, Canadian consumers would have to try to secure the American version of OWN, which would be a clear loss of opportunity for the Canadian independent production community.

For all these reasons, Proper Television asks the Commission to continue to support OWN: the Oprah Winfrey Network.

Proper Television is a member of the Canadian Media Production Association (CMPA), whose role is to represent the Canadian independent production industry and its members on matters of national interest. To that end, the CMPA will be intervening in response to this application. Therefore, Proper Television's comments herein are submitted subject to the positions that CMPA will advance on our behalf in its intervention in this process.

Thank you for an opportunity to provide these comments.

Yours truly,

  
Guy O'Sullivan  
PRESIDENT

cc: Vibika Bianchi, Corus Entertainment Inc., ([vibika.bianchi@corusent.com](mailto:vibika.bianchi@corusent.com))  
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November 12, 2012

Dear Mr. Traversy:

**Re: OWN Canada - Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission hearing**

I am writing on behalf of Entertainment One (eOne), Canada's largest supplier of television and film programming, to state our support for OWN Canada. OWN Canada is a highly valued business partner; supporting eOne's creation of Canadian content including audience-favourite *The Devil You Know*.

OWN Canada supports Canadian content and the independent producers that create it to ensure a unique diversity of voices in the Canadian media landscape. OWN Canada programming receives distribution not only at home but in many cases on the OWN service in the United States, as well as international distribution, which provides additional revenue opportunities for independent producers.

A strong broadcast environment is essential for the existence and success of the Canadian television and film industry. The ability of OWN Canada to stay active has a significant impact on the Canadian production landscape and our production community's ability to tell the Canadian story. Without a Canadian version of the OWN service, Canadian consumers would endeavor to secure the American version of OWN, which would be a clear loss of opportunity for the Canadian independent production community.

eOne is a member of the Canadian Media Production Association (CMPA) who represents the Canadian independent production industry and its members on matters of national interest. Therefore, eOne's comments herein are submitted subject to the position that the CMPA will advance on our behalf in its interventions in this process.

I would like to reiterate eOne's support for our partner OWN Canada. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

A copy of this intervention has been sent to the applicant.

I would prefer not to appear at the public hearing to expand on our written submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret O'Brien', written over a horizontal line.

Margaret O'Brien  
President, Canada & Chief Operations Officer  
Entertainment One Television

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Monday November 12, 2012

Canadian Radio-Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario Canada, K1A 0N2

RE: OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada)

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Andrea Gabourie and I am an executive producer and partner at Pivotal Media Inc., an independent production company based out of Toronto. I am the executive producer of a documentary series entitled *Life Story Project*, which will run on OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada) beginning in January 2013.

I am very proud to have created programming for this successful network with such a strong brand identity. Our series, *Life Story Project*, allows Canadians to explore and share personal stories on a variety of topics, and allows us to analyze Canadians reactions and opinions on these topics. OWN provides an opportunity to create such important and unique programming such as this that, I believe, is not available to independent producers at any other Canadian network. Not only do we have the opportunity to create content with learning objectives, but we can create it to run on a successful, desirable network that is available for viewing by Canadians from coast to coast. Without a Canadian version of the OWN network, Canadian consumers would have to try to secure the American version of OWN, which would cut out the opportunity for most of us in the Canadian independent production community.

It is our hope that *Life Story Project*, like other Canadian series on OWN, may receive distribution on the OWN service in the United States and abroad which would provide additional backend profit. Knowing that one of the CRTC's goals is to ensure strong opportunities domestically and internationally for creators, this channel provides that opportunity while meeting strong public interest.



In my experience, OWN is also one of the few specialty networks investing heavily in original, Canadian programming since its inception. As the network grows its success by providing its audience with successful original programs, that achievement will translate into an even greater viewing of Canadian content and will generate a greater investment in our Canadian production industry.

It has been my pleasure to voice my support for this service, as it is my pleasure to continue to work with them to provide Canadians with the unique high quality, high rated programming they wish to see.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Gabourie', written in a cursive style.

Andrea Gabourie

Partner / Executive Producer



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November 12, 2012

Mr. Jean-Pierre Blais  
 Secretary General  
 Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

Mr. Secretary General,

Subject: OWN Hearing December 11, 2012  
 Ref: 2012-1233-1

As president, Festivals and Television, of Just For Laughs, I am writing in support of Corus Entertainment's channel OWN (Canada).

In my opinion, OWN (Canada) is a great addition to Corus' specialty channels and provides useful, informative, topical programming which is designed to explore issues that matter to Canadians. Themes vary and include valuable exchanges and information related to health and wellness; home and relationships; as well as stories of strength and transformation. The programming seeks to inspire, inform and educate its audiences. Directly, or indirectly, any content that provides inspiration and information also educates. In addition, I understand the Corus is proposing to make additional changes to OWN's programming in order to strengthen its learning-based menu.

Needless to say, Oprah Winfrey is a very attractive brand and Corus' OWN channel provides an excellent opportunity for independent producers to create and produce Canadian content. OWN programming will also stand to receive distribution on the OWN U.S. service as well as internationally, thus giving broader exposure and greater revenue for Canadian content producers. This I believe is of tremendous benefit to all stakeholders seeking to provide visibility and opportunities for producers of Canadian content.

Just For Laughs enjoys a great relationship with Corus as we work together to deliver a television show called Deal With It. I ask the Commission to consider all the reasons noted above and give other content creators across this country the opportunity to work with Corus and to be productive right here in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

  
 Andy Nulman  
 President, Festivals and Television

c.c. Vibika Bianchi, V.P. Original Programming, Corus Entertainment  
 Michelle Farres, Corus Entertainment

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**Delivered via e-mail to: Vibika Bianchi, VP Original Programming, Lifestyle, Reality & Factual Entertainment, Corus Entertainment**

November 12, 2012

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0N2

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Letter of Support of OWN Canada Service

This is a letter of support of OWN Canada provided by Vancouver-based independent production company Worldwide Bag Media.

Founded in March 2008, Worldwide Bag Media (WBM) is an award-winning multimedia company that produces highly informative and entertaining media projects, including television series, books and web content, for the Canadian and international marketplace.

OWN Canada is a successful service with a strong brand that is available to all Canadians and it provides an important window for independent producers to create and produce Canadian-content programs. WBM has worked in partnership with OWN Canada since its inception to produce two highly successful Canadian educational TV series: "Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag" (Season 4) starring celebrated hosts and shopping gurus Anna Walner and Kristina Maticic who put cookbooks to the test, and "Buy.o.logic" (Season 1) hosted by acclaimed journalist Iala Traquair who puts health products to the test based on price, performance and ingredients to tell viewers which products they need to live their best lives.

OWN series "Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag" has been distributed not only in Canada but in the US and internationally, and its success provides additional back end revenues for WBM. In fact, "Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag" was the first Canadian series to be acquired by OWN US. OWN series "Buy.o.logic" has sold to French Canada with international sales projected in 2013. Success in Canada, with the opportunity to extend that success into other international markets, means that one of the CRTC's main pillars of ensuring strong opportunities domestically and internationally for content creators, is being fulfilled and this success clearly meets the public interest.

Furthermore, OWN's success translates into greater viewing of Canadian content and generates more money and investment into the system. We understand that over \$10 million dollars has been triggered since the launch of OWN Canada in March 2011 toward original Canadian programming for the service.

OWN provides an important opportunity for independent producers to provide content with learning objectives. Without a Canadian version of the service, Canadian consumers would have to try to secure the US version of the service, which would be a clear loss of opportunity for the Canadian independent production community.

Consequently, we support OWN Canada as an important educational service and thank the Commission for the opportunity to express our support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Walner", written over a horizontal line.

Anna Walner, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Maticic", written over a horizontal line.

Kristina Maticic, CEO

c.c. Michelle Farres, OWN Canada

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** kcoghlan180@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 8:40 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Every single day I watch OWN, and ever single time I watch it, I learn.

I learn about life experiences and humanity. I learn that every person's story and experience has value, not just for themselves, but for me too if I'm listening with an open spirit. I learn about myself. I learn how to continue to be an extraordinary person and I gain the support and confidence to push myself to be better.

I think one of the things I like most about the OWN network is that it invigorates and excites that part of my spirit that loves to learn, that feels there is always more to know, that I will never be too old to learn and see things from a new or different perspective.

I wish that OWN Canada aired more shows from the network. I feel that some of the shows that are aired don't align with the OWN philosophy, such as "Cold Blood" or "The Devil You Kno," but that's just my opinion. I would also love if Super Soul Sunday would air on OWN Canada. I LOVE watching and learning from it during the stream online Sunday mornings.

I apologize if this isn't quite as specific as you need. If you would like, I could give specifics concrete things I have learned from specific shows, such as Lifeclass, or Iyanla Fix My Life, MasterClass, Next Chapter, etc.

Thank you for taking the time to read my experience.

Kimberly Coghlan-Greco  
23 Booth Lane  
Barrie, ON  
L4N 0S5  
(705) 279-0571

Sent from my iPad

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Judith <heyjude706@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 8:34 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I enjoy watching the "OWN" in Canada as I'm able to learn many things from the cooking & inspirational shows it delivers. I also don't question whether by now that Oprah is a great teacher. Some of the networks are junk in my opinion and when one comes along that finally I'm able to take away some knowledge from by the end of the show I'm happy. I watch Canada's own show of "Anna & Christina" here.  
My name is Judith Cropper, 63 Kearney Drive....Ajax, On....L1T 2T8 CANADA. Thanks!

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Katherine Trowell <katndogs@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 8:18 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I am feeling so blessed to live on earth at the same time as Oprah. OPRAH ANYthing !  
OWN Network is a dream-come-true, for it's content and inspiration. This network is bringing the Planet  
together in a most WONDERFULLY Amazing way !  
What a great time to be alive !

I would question the CRTC on THEIR choice of Canadian Content fillers; "The Devil You Know" ? "Psychic  
Detectives" ?  
Clearly, no one in the CRTC has ever watched an episode of Oprah or has any idea what she stands for . . . is this  
just Canadian Content fodder/flotsam left over from the Woman's Network ? Let it GO already!  
And WHY don't we get Super Soul Sunday in Canada ? ( other than online) How/ WHY can you refuse the  
people this content ?  
And HOW can you , in seriousness, schedule something like "Snapped", " Women Who Kill" as something I , or  
any sane person, might want to watch after something as profound as Oprah's Life Class" ?  
Have you CRTC, given this ANY thought ?  
If OWN's ratings are somewhat shaky here, you might want to consider the CRTS's programming in Canada.  
Surely Canada has something of a higher calibre to offer.  
Oh . . . I LOVE Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag. BRILLIANT !  
Love a 'Cooking show' with a Profanity Warning . . . cracks me up !

Sincerely, and With Respect  
and Hoping someone in power will read this,

Katherine Trowell

"I endeavour to be the person my dog believes I am"

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Heather Boudreau <heatherboudreau65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 7:51 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

To whom it may concern,

I do not generally respond to such requests of supporting similar programs but feel strongly as someone who when looking for support to change the patterns of my past found we must take it on ourselves finding even though I could afford the professional help...it is hard to find good help before you give up on yourself. Those that cannot afford help, Oprah has incredible guests that people will listen and possibly plant those seeds needed to move on and be successful with whatever they need. We must be responsible for our own well-being this day and age if the proper life education is not given to those in their younger years why would someone try and take this away when someone recognizes and is going forth to make a life better. I could go on forever and discuss all the guests Oprah has had on her show but realize there are lots more to read. I will say guests such as Lady Gaga have won my respect after watching an interview...and know her following the younger generation will be touched. Smart of Oprah. Hope this has helped.

Regards

Heather Boudreau (Educational Assistant) Alma, Nova Scotia

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Gisele Guenard <visionarease@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 7:45 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Dear CRTC: I am in support of the OWN network's standing as providing educational programming. More media providing positive information is required in our society - not less. The programming includes excellent information about making positive choices in our lives, by leading experts. It teaches respect, understanding, foundational info on the arts and design, how to save money, get and stay fit and healthy, nurture and maintain healthy relationships, and so much more. Keep it as is, Canada.

Thank you! Merci! Gisele Guenard, Founder, VisionarEasc & Associates Sudbury Ontario

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Doreen Ashton Wagner <daw@greenfield-services.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 7:17 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I wish to offer my support for OWN in its position as an educational network in the eyes of the CRTC.

In my view the network is an educational one. It educates viewers not in an academic sense, but with lots of programming on life skills. It is very important education!

I hope to see OWN Continue on Canadian airwaves for a long time.

Doreen  
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**From:** pamela taylor <taylorpamela20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 6:24 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

OWN network is wholesome, soul - searching and programming that fully endorses us to strive to be better people in this sometimes messed up world. Oprah's mandate to use this network to better each of us one by one is a terrific way to change the world to love one another and yourselves. Please keep this network!



**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** ray misiak <r\_misiak@sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 5:54 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

christine misiak  
gardener and tractor snowblower operator  
barrie, ontario, canada

I've learnt from OWN from her spiritual friends Iyanla, Deepak, Tony Robbins, J.D. Jakes and especially Marianne Williamson just a month ago after reading her book, it literally changed my life, I try to be a loving person but was stuck in anger, fear, sadness etc.. and the book helped me to understand what was going on with all that. Every day I catch my thoughts thinking negatively and didn't realize it 'til reading "Return to Love". It has changed my purpose in life. I am here to love now before I was here to make money and survive. I am more loving to others. In every situation I try to spread love outwardly or in my head as I realize now we are all connected. I've forgiven my father and uncle for molesting me and all my family who don't believe me and took his side. I just pray for my nieces children's safety and I pray for everyone who thinks a psychologist brain washed me. I pray for their happiness and I feel released, I didn't realize how much pent up anger I had towards them.

I enjoy Iyanla show right now. and Super Soul Sundays but I can only watch it on Facebook or her site. I keep missing her show Sunday at 11 a.m. and wish I could watch the full episode online or on OWN network. Hopefully one day it will be on OWN network channel.

I like her Next Chapter and Lifeclass shows. I always learn something. Again, if I miss show cause I have to go to bed early wish I could see it on line or another time during week.

thanks

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Cathy Hollett <cathyh@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 5:11 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I love OWN. There are many things to learn from its programming.

Cathy Hollett  
[Cghollett@hotmail.com](mailto:Cghollett@hotmail.com)  
Marystown, NL

Sent from my iPad

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** BS Seibel <bsseibel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 3:09 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Dear OWN & CRTC,

Not sure what the CRTC considers 'education' and the purpose they are looking to serve, but I can tell you with all the other crap on television that OWN is in a league of it's own. My definition of education would include coaching, guiding, and/or instructing. I lost my job earlier this year and OWN was a factor in my emotional recovery from the loss. Oprah's life class came on six days after my job loss and helped 'guide' me through a very difficult chapter of my life.

In a time where uncertainty seems to be the prevailing mood in our economy, I look to OWN for comfort in knowing there will be something of interest to help me get through life without losing myself in the process.

Thank you,  
Sandy Seibel  
Currently unemployed  
Kamloops, BC

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Judith Gibson <judsg2@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 2:11 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** RE: OWN is Educational TV- adding profession

I m resending this, to add the full details of what was required.  
 I am Judith Gibson , Accountatnt, Surrey, BC.

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From: judsg2@hotmail.com  
 To: support@owntv.ca  
 Subject: OWN is Educational TV  
 Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2012 07:08:28 +0000

I do not have the patience to watch the traditional network television stations, where sitcoms and dramas "teach" persons :

- 1) to strategise lie and decieve to win - Survivor
- 2) that getting married is more important than building a relationship- Bachelor/Bachelorette
- 3) to ask politicians silly questions rather than the important questions on policy - ABC/NBC/CBC

or they

- 4) cater to 13 year old boys by presenting shows with guns and explosions -
- 5) negatiely influence children on sex, relationships and how to operate in the working world

I prefer networks that take the time to inform me, make me think, share examples of success, share examples of overcoming struggles (usually like the ones I am facing), show me that I am not the only one facing the problem I am facing. They do this while giving good entertainment. Right now my TV spends 70% of its time on OWN. The other 30% is with BBC where I can learn about the news of the day.

The aim in life is to become better persons. This is what the programs on OWN glve us information to do. That is not what the other networks provide.

Instead of trying to take away the educational stauts from OWN, what they should be doing is allowing the network to show the full complement of its shows.

I would love to get all the programs on Super sunday.

I would have learned so much from Tony Robins show, but this was not allowed to be broadcast in OWN ca.

I thoroughly enjoyed Million Dollar neighbourhood, where parents, children and the entire neighbourhood learnt how to manage money to get out of and stay out of debt. It was an extremely important show for times like these where persons are in such high personal debt.

I learnt how to run a sucessful business in an ehtical and community based manner from Gastown Gamble. We need more shows ilke this. They can be Canadian, but do not have to be.

I suport OWN.

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Shannyn Smith <simplybookkeeping@shaw.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 1:55 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Dear CRTC

OWN has dramatically improved my life through the shows Oprah's Life Class and Ilyana Fix My Life.

I have learned how to love myself and improve my self confidence. They have given me the tools to change my thinking and create a more positive and happy environment to live in. I no longer pass judgement on myself and others. I look for the lessens and deeper understanding of the situation.

I have learned how to create a vision. How to work through the fear and strive towards my goals. I have become more productive at work and home. I feel like I am making a difference in the lives of my family and my friends.

I would like to say thank-you to OWN for providing such great shows and I look forward to seeing more in the future.

Shannyn Smith

Pitt Meadows, BC

Sent from Shannyn's iPad

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Tina <tinakdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 1:16 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Name: Tina Kashyap  
Occupation: Office Manager/ Interior Designer -Architecture & Planning  
City: Calgary  
Province: AB

To Whom it May Concern,

I whole heartedly with every ounce of my being support OWN. It has impacted my life & the lives of my family and friends in great measure. There is no other network that provides such profound & meaningful television. We are all better & empowered by the guidance, tools & strength to live our best lives in shows like 'Lifeclass', 'Masterclass', Oprah's Next Chapter' & 'Iyanla Fix My life', just to name a few. My life has changed in significant ways; I see so much potential for myself and how I can share so many prolific lessons with others. This is thought provoking , life altering and inspiring television that is sending such positive messages and lifting the human spirit. And in this time, this state of the world of recession & war, etc..OWN is educating & helping us create healthy, joyous & productive lives, in spite of circumstance. I have nothing but deep gratitude and reverence for OWN, Oprah Winfrey & her team. I am a dedicated viewer and am looking forward to seeing it flourish and amplify! So without further adieu and with absolutely no question in my mind, YES! PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP OWN IN CANADA!!!!!!

Sincerely  
Tina Kashyap  
Nov.12.12

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Lillian Pettit <tuliprainbows@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 1:06 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Hello,

I would like to support OWN as being an educational and informative network. I should perhaps tell you first, I was not a loyal Oprah fan before OWN came along. I had seen her show before but only once in a while. However, some of the new programming on OWN really caught my eye and my interest.

'Oprah's LifeClass' for example to me was a fantastic idea. I watched the first show and that's all it took. I don't think I missed one from there forward. It might sound sort of corny, but sometimes life is tough. Some issues people face are faced by both the educated and not so educated, both men & women, so there may be a number of ways that any issue may be looked at and dealt with. However when these issues were brought to light... well.. it firstly showed each of us that we were not alone, that others had the exact same issue. Then exposing the issue for was it really was in a way that made sense. Each of us have our own feelings about any given issue, but the way that it was unfolded on the program was done in a very honest way, a straight forward way that can be understood by all, and a very heart felt way. Information that put a new light on the issue and allowed the person in front of the TV to take and apply that information, further experiencing the discussion for themselves. So many of these shows provided information I did not know or never thought to apply it to that situation. I found it very powerful and really spoke very deeply to me. At times I found myself with a few tears which surprised me as I am not the type to tear up at movies or at sad or mushy stuff either. However, I felt like someone just took a tour inside me... how did she know that is how I felt. By the end of that program she had actually lifted an elephant off of my shoulders. I took in the info provided and ... I don't know just how to say it. All I can tell you is I learned so much from those shows and applied these things to my own life.

Also the programs that had various 'stars' telling something about their lives, what they experienced and what they learned. I found to be very wonderful programming. I found out that, yes, even the 'stars' experience things they need to deal with that I can relate to. I found they were so open in telling their own story in their own words made it real. Did not have a feeling of being acted out like a script. It was honest and real. Many parts of those programs also provided wonderful information and insight. Excellent programming!

Last but not least Oprah provides guests such as Iyanla, Tony Robbins, Deepak Chopra and many others during the various programs on OWN. So YES there is a lot of information, education, fun, tears and learning that takes place. I know I am not alone in my thinking. OWN has provided programming I have never seen anywhere else.

Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts,

Lillian Pettit  
Welland, Ontario, CA

Collections Dept for Utility Co  
& Customer Service Representative  
(both by phone) more than 10 yrs.



**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** peggy bolduc <pegbold@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 1:05 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTV -OWN Support

My name is Margaret C Bolduc. I live in the small community of Port Hardy BC. I would like to express my support for Own tv channel to continue in Canada. Not only have I gained knowledge, I have been inspired in many aspects of life. This channel is very important in teaching life skills, communication skills, cooking, shopping, financial lessons, home care, decorating and spiritual practices. There is no end to the educational value OWN offers Canadaians. Extreme clutter, Million dollar neighborhood, Shopping Bags, Iyanla Fix My Life, Oprah Next Chapter, Prime Time on OWN, Nate Berkus show. In fact I think Canadian channels should carry more of the shows OWN offers, Life Classes and Supper Soul Sunday and my only complaint is that the Canadian OWN tv channel does not offer the same as OWN online and as a Canadian I want MORE and More often! Thank you for considering my opinion and support. sincerely Margaret C Bolduc  
[pegbold@gmail.com](mailto:pegbold@gmail.com)

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** JANICE ALLISON <janisons@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 12:35 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** I Support Own TV

To Whom it May Concern:

I am very concerned that there is a possibility that OWN TV may be taken away from us. I have watched many shows on that network and am very upset that they may be no longer available to me.

I am at home and have various health issues, physical, emotional and spiritual. I have been watching so many of these programmes and am uplifted and inspired to heal in many areas of my life. When someone is trying to change how they view life to one of a more positive outlook, to lift themselves to heal spiritually as the medical profession cannot do it all, then it is necessary to have have other avenues to turn to, to assist in that endeavour. Regular TV is usually about violence, or drama or unkind humour. On so many of the shows on OWN I can feed my soul, learn how to look at my life in a more positive outlook and move forward instead of stagnating or worse going backwards.

I have laughed and enjoyed and at the same time learned how I can make changes in my own life to be more comfortable and have hope for better days to come. Don't take that away from me. PLEASE!!!

Janice Allison  
retired due to illness  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Myna Wendt <wmwendt1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 12:33 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I watch OWN television network every day and if I cannot watch it in the moment I tape the shows as I find most of the, very educational and informative. I especially learn so much when the television network has spiritual leaders on their shows. The information we are given carry on through a persons life. I also learn a lot from the shows, Eat Yourself Sexy and The Shopping Bags. The Nate Berkus Show is also a favorite of mine. I truly enjoy watching the OWN shows on the OWN Network.

sincerely,

Myna Wendt, retired  
Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

Sent from my iPad

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Rachelle Goss <rgoss@shaw.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 12:26 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

To whom it may Concern,

I love the network "OWN" and I am very proud that Canada is airing it as one of the channels Canadians can choose to watch. OWN provides very informative and educational shows that encourage learning and growth to individuals and their spirit. OWN is the only network I watch and would love to see Super Soul Sunday be aired in Canada as well. As Canadians, this network needs to stay on the air and in Canada. Thank you Oprah!

Rachelle Goss  
Port Coquitlam, BC  
Educational Assistant

Sent from my iPad

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Renée Ursula Gérard <rug07@videotron.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 12:13 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Hi

The kind of education we receive on own TV is the most unique and important kind for personal growth and development in the intellectual and spiritual sphere particularly. There is no other network that offers us the high quality and depth of information, given by the biggest names in the world living today in relationship to helping us love ourselves more and more everyday as well as inspiring us to be better citizens of the world. I am a bit surprised that a network like Own TV has to justify it self a bout educational content when there are so many violent, garbage containing networks out there. I also pray that we will soon have super soul Sundays in the programmation as it is to me the very best program on all of TV as I write today.

Finally if more people watched Own TV there would be more understanding of each other, more compassion, more love and FOR SURE, NO MORE WARS.

God bless you all the team at Own TV and may you be there to give us more and more of your great educational content for many many years to come.

God bless our beautiful precious Oprah and thank you for your momentous contribution...words are not enough to say how big and valuable it is. You are a living being of light, a spark of God as Depak says, to enlighten our lives....Thank you, thank you, thank you for OWN TV that permit Us to be part of it all.

Thank you for it all.

Renee Ursula Gerard  
St-Bruno. Quebec  
Canada ☺

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Zoya Katouli <zkatouli@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 12:11 AM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

The Own is Providing high quality learning opportunities to all of viewers, I have grown up with Oprah's show and OWN I wish I could share the impact of OWN has made in my personal life, I learned so much, it is very informative, inspiring and educating for me and it changed the way I look at the word and people around me..

LOVE YOU OPRAH

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Marika Houde <marika.gh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:45 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** OWN CRTC Review

Hello,

I cannot say enough how much I enjoy watching OWN, especially the following shows: Buy.O.Logic, Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag, Our America with Lisa Ling, and of course, Oprah's Next Chapter. These programs, and others, address my interests of food and culture while demonstrating excellent journalism skills.

I also appreciate how OWN features Canadian programs alongside American shows.

It is for these reasons I currently support and will continue to support OWN, and am very pleased with the thought-provoking content!

Marika Houde  
Student (B.Sc Nutritional Sciences/B.Sc. Food Science)  
Montreal, Quebec

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Sharon D <sharon\_dawit@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:18 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Hi,  
I love the OWN network because it change my life. I even travel to Toronto for the Lifeclass & it was the best experience of my life. There is no show on TV like the OWN network. I'm almost debt free, I have the best relationship with my mom cause I can understand her better & i'm living everyday with passion and purpose. Thank you Oprah, Sheri & OWN Network. Keep up the good work & stay blessed!  
Sharon Dawit @ B2B financial advisor from

Montreal QC

Sent from my iPhone

Sharon D.



**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Nancy <nancybc@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:17 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

My name is Nancy Brideau-Chouinard  
Medical transcriptionist  
From Moncton, NB

I absolutely LOVE OWN..it has taught me how to deal with difficult times and value myself. It has taught me how to communicate and be happy. Today I learned... If you're still breathing you have a purpose for being here...wow how amazing is that!!! We should all know this...but its not something that is in our everyday thinking...Oprah has provided a way for us to learn to heal. I have learned so much and want to keep learning .

Sent from my iPhone

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Taryn Winsor <taryn.winsor501@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:12 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I'm Taryn Winsor from Vancouver, BC, Canada I am a Review Officer with a crown corporation. I want to express my support for the OWN Network as I believe it is a far to valuable and informative network to lose. I especially love Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bags highly educational and informative given my own lack of culinary skills and ability. In addition, my kitchen is stocked with products recommended by these two women and they haven't disappointed me yet! Please do not lose this show!!! Thank you.

Taryn

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Karen Robinson <krobinson22@shaw.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:11 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

To whom it may concern,

My name is Karen Robinson. I work as a care giver at an after-school care program for 5 to 11 year olds. I live in Surrey, B.C.

I do not have a lot of time to watch television, so when I do, it is important to me that there to be good quality programming available. I find some of the very best programs to be on OWN. I always come away from my viewing experience there feeling uplifted, inspired, informed and entertained.

I appreciate the values of the OWN network. I feel they encourage viewers to do their best in life, to care for one another, to strive to make learning a priority, and to find that which brings you joy. These are all things that make our society healthy and strong.

Some of my favourite shows are consumer focused like Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag, Maxed Out, Buy.o.logic, and Remedy Me! I also love The Next Chapter, Master Class, Super Soul Sunday, Million Dollar Neighbourhood, and Oprah's Lifeclass.

Oprah and her team are doing an excellent job, once again. I appreciate the variety and quality of their programs. Without them I would feel there would be a huge void, even though I don't spend hours a day watching television. It is so good to know the options are there when I have the time to tune in.

I wish them great success with their network and thank them for their efforts and dedication.

Sincerely,  
Karen Robinson

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** contact@niagaraboundtours.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:10 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

As a Canadian woman of African descent, I truly hope that OWN can continue as it has become a relevant television station for me to watch not just as a Black but as a woman and as a human being. The programming is educational. Some of the programs have given me a great insight into myself which has helped to make me a better person. I learn so much from her programs. And when one learns, they are being educated.

To me, there isn't much on regular television these days so OWN really fills a void for good quality television where one can learn something. I learn from her new shows but also learn by watching her old shows as well. OWN covers many subjects by which we can learn so much.

I want to urge the CRTC to not remove this station although I suspect the cable companies will be lobbying to have it a paid station. As an aside, we pay enough for cable now. To remove OWN, would make the already poor value we get for cable now worse.

I do hope that the people representing OWN will be able to present a sound case for an agency of the Canadian government that sometimes just don't "get it". Their mandate is peculiar to the lay person to say the least. I will pray that Oprah gets through this other challenge. As Gilda Radner's character used to say, "It's always something." Hang in their Oprah!

Warm regards,

Lezlie Harper Wells  
St. Catharines, ON  
owner of Niagara Bound Tours  
[www.niagaraboundtours.com](http://www.niagaraboundtours.com)

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**From:** reem Dawood <reem\_m912@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 11:06 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** OWN

OWN is my very favorite channel... I live joy while I'm watching Oprah and been inspired by all the lessons there..... when I want to rise my vibration I just turn on the TV on OWN and start a spiritual session...

I'm visualizing being in the same energy field with Oprah and looking forward to meeting her one day.... to tell her how i'm grateful for the many years she accompanied me through her show....helping me reconnecting... & addressing my mission in life ( increase the awareness of Arabic culture about health, success & happiness)  
OWN is part of my family .....love you

Best regards

Reem Almashhadani  
Medical doctor & student studying Traditional Chinese Medicine  
Barnaby/BC

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** B.antone <b.antone@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:52 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Love what you are going watch your show every day may the creator bless you

Sent from Samsung Mobile

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Lisa Neville <lmneville@sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:45 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

To whom it may concern,

This is an email in reference to the CRTC review on OWN Canada's mandate as an educational service. If one thinks that education is limited only to mathematics, reading and writing, then we are putting a limit on our growth. Education and learning also occurs through human experience and there is no greater classroom than our own lives. This is what OWN Canada teaches it's viewers.

I have learned so much through OWN Canada. OWN Canada's programming has taught me how to empower myself through my own life and other people's life experiences. OWN teaches me how to be a better human being - to be more kind, more generous, more giving, more patient, more forgiving, more caring, less judgemental, less critical, less stressful, less scared, less angry and to have a purpose. I can safely say that there is no other network that does this.

I watch or record OWN programming daily. Finally...finally there is a network whose programming teaches us to feel good about ourselves.

Lisa Neville  
Stay at home mom  
Ottawa, Ontario

"Life is like a piano. The white keys represent happiness, while the black keys represent sadness. But as you go through life's journey, remember that the black keys make music too."

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** viojaz22@sympatico.ca  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:43 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** Support for OWN as an educational Service

To Whom It May concern:

I am writing in support of OWN's compliance with its mandate as an educational service. Our family has been keen followers and viewers of the excellent programming that OWN provides. The documentaries aired on OWN( such as Tent City) educate, inspire and entertain. Just as the Book club influenced our reading habits so too have the documentaries positively changed our viewing habits .

To all of us education is all about empowerment and Oprah's Life Lessons aired on OWN certainly provide substantive knowledge and learning about self empowerment as well as how to encourage others to empower themselves.

OWN has without doubt met its mandate as an educational service.  
We sincerely look forward to its continuation.

Dillon and Bernice Blackman.



**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Michelle Dallyn <michelledallyn@yahoo.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:39 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I have the OWN network on everyday in my house. I watch Buyologic, medical information, Anna and Christina, cooking and fun, Lifeclass, spiritual lessons, to name a few. I like the fact that we as Canadians can watch in part, Canadian shows that are not only educational but are uplifting and fun!

OWN is the next generation of educational programming to be supported by all Canadians....

Michelle Dallyn  
Empowered Recreation and Rehabilitation  
2505409770  
Lake Country BC  
Michelle Dallyn  
Empowered R and R

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Lisa Shepherd <lshpherd@sasktel.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:37 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Dear CRTC,

OWN is a network that is watched continuously and would be sorely missed in our household. I live in a house that consists of 2 females (myself and step daughter) and 4 men (husband, two sons, one step son). There is generally a show of interest to watch that is inclusive to all. I find my sons or husband sitting and watching with me and I am always amazed that we are watching a network that could be considered by some to be a 'woman's' channel. It has opened up many topics for discussion. It includes the educational, spiritual and advise of relationships that we are all striving to work on while we are on this planet. Oprah has brought to Canada a network that draws to the attention of all some very informative as well as entertaining shows and to take that away from Canadians would be a disservice.

Thank you,

Lisa Shepherd  
Regulatory Administrator, ISC  
Regina, SK

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** michael s <hypnostretch@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:37 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** M.Stretch's own story

I have been on the own site for a long time. I ended up there as I was recovering from a head on car accident. My mom asked me for the free music down load from the site for Christmas. I searched the site and came on to the blog section and started answering questions. I lay in bed and send out messages of hope an insperation. In the process I came across the blog about a guy who was looking for his molestor and I searched the internet untill I found the person he was looking for. I found the guy through his family plot and then sent a email to the police in that area. "finding butch" google it.. It made me rcalize that everyone can change the world we all have a small part in it and if you put out positive energy you can create a wave of it. In my quest to find the music for my mom I blogged so much that I had the highest star rating and commented in everything from love to home reno. I never thought my words would be a life chaning thing. One of the bloggers who I talked to wrote books and is a speaker for "leave no girl behind".. We have a choice in life , we can sit by and let others influence us in positive and negitive ways. The key to true life enhance ment is to realize that you can change your life. People who are always going to be the victum is only because they havent found there own true voice.. I recoverd never found the music and no work and live a life that is empowering.  
Michael stretch

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Maria Ryan <ryansisters@ns.sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:36 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC

Dear CRTC,

The OWN channel is the best channel on Canadian TV as it is filled with teachings that you just don't receive on other channels. OWN channel has wonderful programming teaching different aspects on improving life, love, relationships and health.

Oprah's Master Classes, The Next Chapters, etc are amazing and the amount learned in one hour is phenomenal. My mother, sister and I all watch the OWN channel and discuss many of the shows and how they've taught us all so much. We've had many conversations discussing many situations that have been taught on the OWN channel and it is so great to have these types of conversations with family and friends.

The OWN channel is educating everyday and teaching Canadians the importance of self love, respect and is empowering the viewers to be better people and giving us the tools needed to grow in self development and becoming the best we can be.

Please CRTC, we need the OWN channel in Canada, as OWN educates, illuminates and empowers Canadians!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!

Maria Ryan  
Inspirational Singer/Songwriter  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
<http://RyanSisters.com>

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** D Japaul <djapaul33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:36 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Name: Deborah Japaul  
Occupation: Project Analyst  
City/Province: Toronto, Ontario

Own Tv over the past year has been and continues to be my favourite channel. The programming provides viewers with knowledge, inspiring stories and vast of information to improve your life. Shows like Lifeclass, Masterclass, Iyanla fix my life, Buy.o.logic and Anna and Kristina Grocery Bag gives viewers a variety of shows which focuses on how to live your life better. Own Tv has shows that addresses issues from how to gain more self worth, how to overcome abuse and learn how to live your best life. Own Tv is a pioneer of what quality and educational shows should be for adults.

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** georgio charalambous <georgio123@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:33 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** lets keep OWN in canada

Dear CRTC, of all the questionable programing you allow to air in Canada , OWN is the least station you should be concerning yourselves with. Frankly how on earth would you question the most powerful influencial woman in the world who is constantly braking barriers and rising the bar to empower the world. OWN is "the future" in programming finally here is a woman whos dedication to all humanity is to help educate someones soul and mind, and help hope to people all over the world. WE NEED OWN here in CANADA if we want to educate our young men and woman help live better lives. I am an educator by trade but i own my own business. Ive seen programs on here that have helped educated people as old as my mother and father. SO my question to you CRTC why are you even thinking about this stations programming? perhaps you need to spend some time with lady O and help empower all your minds. There will never be an educator like Oprah Winfrey and i think that its Canadas privlage to be able to even share her.

OWN if you need me at this meeting feel free to contact me.

George Charalambous  
C/O Greek World Music  
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SO LETS SAVE OWN CANADA.

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Heather DelRosario <heather.delrosario@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:27 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

I have learned more and gained more knowledge from OWN than any other single source of learning environment. And I say this from a point of someone who works in the field of learning and training.

OWN has enabled me to develop myself not only in the area of personal growth but also in leadership and entrepreneurship. Through this learning, I have been able to help others, through my own personal organization as well as in my corporate position.

I really don't know what I would do without OWN. It would be a real tragedy to remove this channel from Canadian viewers.

Heather DelRosario  
Training Manager  
Bowmanville, ON

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Sherrie Virtue <aill\_yall24@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:25 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

Sherrie virtue  
Montreal, Quebec  
Hairstylist

I have learned how to be more patient, understanding, positive and to give back to society.

This network is the only one I have been watching for months now due to the positive words and programming that OWN provides. Its also giving me great advice on relationship... It's helping me to be the best person I can be!!! Thanks Oprah!!!! I love OWN!!!!

Sent from my iPhone



**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Debbie <debbieclarke1964@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:24 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

To Whom it May Concern:

The OWN network has more educational information on it than most of our Canadian channels. It needs to stay on so people can start tuning into REAL tv.

Debbie Clarke  
Sales Rep  
Mississauga, Ontario  
Sent from my iPad

**Michelle Farres**

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**From:** Krista <kristalewis@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:22 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** Keep OWN in Canada

To whom it may concern:

I love OWN! I have learned so much from Oprah and all her guests and programming she has on OWN.

My husband and I are dedicated watchers and especially love Oprah's Life Class, Next Chapter and Masterclass programming.

We have been opened up to so many different new avenues to grow with our own personal self-development.

Gratitude, Faith, respect, being true to oneself and others. OWN: Canada is the only channel on Canada that is providing an education forum on being a better person.

From watching OWN I have attend personal development weekend, started to mediate, followed better eating and exercise plan and learned how to resolve or cope with life issues.

Oprah is a teacher! Her channel is educating in a way that no other channel does in Canada.

Revoking OWN: Canada's licence with be a real disservice to Canadians that want to achieve their highest level of personal growth.

Please keep OWN in Canada.

Regards,  
Krista Lewis  
292 Flamingo Road  
Thornhill, ON. L4J 8N3  
905-763-6402  
Occupation: Travel Agency Owner

Krista  
(sent from my BlackBerry Device)

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**From:** Krystal Moorhouse <krysmoor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 10:19 PM  
**To:** support@owntv.ca  
**Subject:** CRTC - OWN Support

To Whom It May Concern,

I love Oprah and I've learned so much from all her guests on her show before she moved on to OWN.

I have learned to look at things from many perspectives, to be more open, to calm down, and I continue being reminded weekly via different shows with different issues being shown and dealt with.

With all the junk reality tv there is, I rely on OWN for in depth conversations and real problems with appropriate solutions, especially on shows like Lifeclass and Iyanla Fix My Life. I had a rocky childhood and grew up in foster care. I learn coping mechanisms and such from these shows. Especially not to be a "victim" and to know there is a lot worse out there and people have overcome obstacles and succeeded!

Please don't bother OWN, just let it get better and be more available for people.

Thank you,

Krystal Moorhouse