

January 21, 2021

Mr. Claude Doucet
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Gatineau, Quebec

Subject: Renewal of the licenses for the French-language and English-language services of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (2019-0279-2), (2019-0280-0), (2019-0281-7), (2019-0282-5)

Mr. Secretary General,

My intervention is in support of the renewal of the licenses for the French-language and English-language services of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation / Société Radio-Canada.

The CBC-SRC is an important and essential tool for the promotion of the Canadian identity as well as the promotion of the French-Canadian identity.

The representation of all Canadians in the media, no matter where they are in the country, is becoming an increasingly important issue. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation can meet the media needs of all Canadians thanks to its diverse platform. Unfortunately, the under-representation of many members of our society is still worrying.

When there is a lack of information related to a particular region, municipality or even neighborhood, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has the tools and platforms to help remedy the situation.

For example, sometimes there are spaces in the schedule that are not filled with original content. These spaces in the schedule could allow the CBC to broadcast local content, already prepared, on a national scale. The amount of quality content produced at the municipal, university, college and high school levels all across our country is quite impressive. With this type of programming, the goal of representing all members of Canadian society would become easier to achieve.

Let us not forget that “the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as the national public broadcaster, should provide radio and television services incorporating a wide range of programming that informs, enlightens and entertains”.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michel C. Dubeau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michel" being the most prominent part.

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