



Toronto, August 5, 2022

Janice Charette
Clerk of the Privy Council
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**Subject: Petition to the Governor in Council to Vary Telecom Regulatory Policy
CRTC 2022-165**

Dear Ms. Charette,

Pursuant to section 28(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, the Directors Guild of Canada (DGC) and the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) are jointly filing the enclosed Petition to the Governor in Council to set aside or refer back for reconsideration and hearing Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2022-165, made public on June 22, 2022.

Specifically, we are respectfully requesting that the Governor in Council vary the CRTC's Decision and direct the Commission to reconsider it to establish an outcome-focused licensing framework for the CBC with legally binding conditions of licence.

The majority opinion in the Decision derogates from the Broadcast Policy set out in the *Broadcasting Act* by removing long-standing policy principles and pivotal protections that ensured the public broadcaster meets minimum levels of Canadian-produced programming. Implementing the new deregulated framework would set a dangerous precedent for the Canadian Broadcasting sector and raise issues of consistency, predictability and fairness.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Cc:

The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage

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