His Worship Fred Eisenberger
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing in response to your correspondence and accompanying documentation, forwarded by the Office of the Prime Minister to the Honourable Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official Languages and Minister for La Francophonie, regarding the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

Ms. Verner appreciates being advised of your strong support for the CBC/Radio Canada's local radio plan and has noted your comments with respect to this matter. The Government of Canada ensures that the Canadian broadcasting system contributes to the realization of Canadian social, cultural and economic objectives, as defined by the Broadcasting Act. It is government policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's public broadcaster in both English and French.

While the Department of Canadian Heritage is responsible for broadcasting policy and legislation, the CBC/Radio-Canada operates independently of the Government under a framework provided in the Broadcasting Act. As an autonomous Crown corporation, its Board of Directors and senior management are responsible for its day-to-day operations. In view of the autonomy of the CBC/Radio-Canada, it is appropriate for you to discuss the issue of CBC/Radio-Canada's local service directly with the CBC/Radio-Canada, at the address provided in the enclosure.

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Enclosed

Chief of Staff
Emile S. Poirier

Yours sincerely,

I trust that this information is useful. Please accept my best wishes.


response to the Committee's report, which is available at

Media Landscape address the issue of local radio. The Government has labeled its

Heritage's report entitled CBC/Radio-Canada: Defining Distinctions in the Changing

As outlined in your motion, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian
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