Ms. Janice Charette  
Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet  
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Dear Ms. Charette:

Re: CRTC Regulation of Fibre to the Premise through Broadband Networks

The City of Terrace is one of many communities that would benefit from improved connectivity for both businesses and residents. There are currently only a handful of companies making multi-million dollar capital investments into fibre to the premise infrastructure and the City of Terrace would welcome the opportunity to see this infrastructure in our community. Fibre optic technology is world-leading connectivity that closely aligns with at least one of our community objectives such as attracting and maintaining business in our City.

We understand that the recent July CRTC decision has forced some companies to share their fibre access networks with their competitors. We also understand that Bell Canada has filed a petition to Cabinet to overturn the CRTC’s findings about sharing fibre access networks. The City of Terrace would welcome a fibre investment and we do not want to see the CRTC’s rules inhibit the chance of a build-out of fibre facilities in our community or other Canadian communities.

Rural and northern communities in particular need infrastructure and technology to connect us to rest of the world and encourage economic development. We want to encourage the investment of fibre optic technology in Terrace and other communities and feel it is critical that our community is not left behind when it comes to fibre access networks.
Given the importance of the fibre networks to all Canadians, we ask that the Cabinet consider the potential impact of regulatory decisions on all Canadians.

Sincerely,

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