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The Cultural identity of all Canadians is at risk if we open our telecommunications market to foreign investment. Please do not allow foreign companies access into the Canadian telecom sector.

*It is a source of pride that the telecommunications company that my family relies on is not only Canadian, but Saskatchewan owned and operated. I would not feel the same pride and loyalty to the company if it were foreign owned. Further, I feel that SaskTel is much more responsive to the local needs of the people of Saskatchewan and Canada than if it were foreign owned. This is important to me.

* The current Canadian owned Telecommunications sector places importance on all Canadians having access to phone, internet and cable services. As there is little to no profit margin on such services for outlying communities, Canadians in rural and remote communities may suffer from poor service, reduced or no access to high-speed Internet if these are supplied by foreign companies.

* Canadian news, media, music, and other entertainment content is vitally important to our collective consciousness and Canadian culture. This culture is at risk because most telecom companies also provide broadcasting services. If these companies fall into foreign hands, the content of its broadcasting services will be impacted and will no longer be bound by Canadian content minimums. Foreign ownership of telecom is a direct threat to our cultural identity.

* Prices of cell phone services won't be lower as they are already very competitive worldwide.

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