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Re: *Canada Gazette*, Part 1, Saturday, June 17, 2006

Dear Minister Bernier:

The Greater Halifax Partnership is the economic growth organization for the Halifax Regional Municipality. As an organization, we are focused on the economic vitality of our region.

A critical sector to the economy of the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia is the information and telecommunications sector.

We know that you have been actively engaged with the telecom policy review file. Most recently you have issued policy directives to the CRTC that were taken from the comprehensive and widely endorsed report of the Telecom Policy Review panel.

We would like to commend you for your efforts and encourage you to continue. This first step toward significant change in telecom policy and regulation is significant. It reflects the importance of the telecom sector in Canada and how having a vibrant sector is critical to the economic prosperity of our city, region and country.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further input into this important process.

Sincerely,

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