



John Tory
Mayor

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Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to Cabinet
Langevin Block
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Re: Canada Gazette, Part 1, November 21, 2015, Notice No. DGTP-002-2015 – Petition to the Governor General in Council concerning Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2015-326

Dear Madam:

I write to express concern over the recent decision of the Canada Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that could potentially impact planned investments in fibre-to-home and fibre-to-business networks in Toronto and the surrounding region.

Toronto is working hard to establish itself as world leader in innovation, and, more broadly, to attract investment and jobs, in an increasingly competitive global environment. Having robust internet capacity and state-of-the-art communications services is critical to maintaining a competitive advantage.

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Bell's \$1 billion fibre build-out in Toronto, and other investments that are poised to follow, will provide the modern communications infrastructure needed to generate economic opportunity across the board from mature industries like financial services, to small business and entrepreneurs, to our research clusters, to public institutions like hospitals and universities.

These investments extend beyond Toronto's borders as well and are key to our ability to sell the Greater Toronto region as a premier place to locate and expand business, and the important work we are doing building the Toronto-Waterloo innovation corridor.

Any delay in the deployment of fibre networks could bestow an advantage to competing jurisdictions and put at risk millions of dollars worth of investment and economic development potential.

Companies that are prepared to make these vital investments deserve to be treated fairly. I would urge you take the necessary action to protect Toronto's global competitiveness and future economic prospects.

Sincerely,



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

- c. The Hon. Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P., Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development
The Hon. Amarjeet Sohi, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
The Hon. Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P., Minister of Finance
The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Minister of International Trade