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Secretary General John Traversy
Canadian Radio-Television
& Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0N2

Notice of consultation: CRTC 2013-19
Reference Numbers: 2012-0689-7 and 2012-1051-7

Dear Mr. Traversy:

I am writing in support of the application by "All Points Bulletin" to obtain public interest status as per Article 9(1) (h) of the Canadian Broadcasting Act.

As a former Minister of Public Safety for the Province of Ontario, I am well aware of the value of providing information to the public to better protect public safety. A widely known and accessible point of contact between the police and the public prevents crime and, in some cases, can even save lives – for example, in cases of missing children.

I believe the success of the French-language Avis de recherche (ADR-TV) not only should allow it to retain its status as a public interest station, but it speaks to the probable success of a similar station in English Canada, as is proposed with All Points Bulletin.

I urge the CRTC to give favourable consideration to the applications for All Points Bulletin and for ADR-TV.

Sincerely,

Senator Robert W. Runciman