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Dear Mr. Mahar:

The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to the Honourable Liza Frulla, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister responsible for Status of Women, a copy of your correspondence of September 6, 2004, and accompanying documentation, regarding the introduction of subsection 18(6.3) of the *Cable Television Regulations, 1986*. I am replying on behalf of Ms. Frulla.

The Minister appreciates being advised of your views and has carefully noted your comments with respect to this matter. While the Department of Canadian Heritage is responsible for overall broadcasting policy and legislation, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is responsible for the licensing, regulation and supervision of all aspects of the Canadian broadcasting system. The Commission was established by Parliament under the *Broadcasting Act* as an autonomous body that operates independently of the Government and is responsible for its own day-to-day operations and decisions.

In your correspondence you note that the *Cable Television Regulations, 1986*, have been supplanted by the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*, which are made by the CRTC. In view of the autonomy of the CRTC and the fact that your concerns appear to be directly related to these Regulations, I suggest that you share your concerns with the Secretary General of the Commission at the address provided in the enclosure.

I trust that this information is useful. Please accept our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Luc Rouleau
Director
Ministerial Correspondence Secretariat

Enclosure

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