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Dear Premier Cochrane and Premier Savikataaq,

I am writing to ask you to join me in sending the attached letter to the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Catherine Tait, concerning the Corporation's recently announced decision to eliminate regional AM news broadcasts in our three territories in favour of a pan-northern news broadcast. As I am sure you will agree, this decision will negatively impact residents in all three territories.

In addition to this proposed letter, each member of our Yukon Liberal Caucus will be sending a letter on behalf of our constituents and will urge our colleagues in the Yukon Legislative Assembly to do the same.

Sincerely,

Sandy Silver
Premier

Dear Catherine Tait,

We write as the Premiers of the three territories to express our concern regarding the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's (CBC) recently announced decision to eliminate regional AM news broadcasts in favour of a pan-northern news broadcast. We believe this decision will negatively impact residents in all three territories by reducing the availability of regionally specific news for residents of Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, respectively. We call on CBC to stand by its mandate, as stated in the 1991 Broadcasting Act, and ensure that programming reflects Canada and its regions to national and regional audiences, while service the special needs of those regions.

We value the CBC and its contributions to telling the vital stories of Canadians across the North. CBC has consistently been a strong voice for northern culture and has gone to tremendous lengths to share northern stories with the entire country. To lose the regionally specific news coverage would greatly diminish the voices of northerners and decrease their access to important information that impacts their daily lives.

We request that you reconsider this decision and ensure that consideration is given to the distinct cultural and regional differences that exist across the North between three separate and distinct territories that comprise 40 per cent of Canada's land mass. Each territory is unique and each relies on CBC for thorough coverage of local news stories.