# **PETITION** TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON **COMMUNITY TV AND MEDIA**

**We, the undersigned Canadian residents, acknowledge:**

- That the Broadcasting Act stipulates that the community, private and public elements of the Canadian broadcasting system should complement one another to ensure that a range of local, regional and national programming is available to Canadians.
- That it is the policy of the CRTC that "*the community channel should be primarily of a public service nature, facilitating self-expression through free and open access by members of the community*".
- That community media can effectively serve small communities, neighbourhoods and alternative voices not served by public and private media.
- That digital convergence places new challenges on individuals, organizations, and communities to express themselves, to be heard, and to be visible.

**Therefore we ask the government to enable a network of community-operated media centres to ensure i) the survival of community TV ii) the availability of local media in towns and neighbourhoods not served by public or private media iii) all Canadian residents have access to multi-platform media skills training and content distribution in the digital economy.**

| **Name** (please print) | **Address** (complete, OR post code and province, OR city and province) | **Signature** | **E-mail** (to follow progress of the petition) |
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