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Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Secretary General,

Re.: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-465

1. This letter is in support of the application of KCVI Educational Radio Station Incorporated ("CKVI-FM") for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language community FM radio station in Kingston, ON.
2. We are writing on behalf of the National Campus and Community Radio Association/ L'Association nationale des radios étudiantes et communautaires ("NCRA/ANREC"), which is a not-for-profit national association working to recognize, support and encourage not-for profit, volunteer-based, public access campus and community-based ("c/c radio") broadcasters in Canada. We provide advice and advocacy for individual stations, and conduct lobbying and policy development initiatives with a view to advancing the role and increasing the effectiveness of our sector. We currently represent 98 not-for-profit radio stations including CKVI-FM.
3. CKVI-FM is located in Kingston, a city of 123,000 people located at the eastern end of Lake Ontario at the beginning of the St. Lawrence River. The city contains a World Heritage Site, and a further 21 National Historic Sites. The area is also served by a

campus station, CFRC-FM (also an NCRA/ANREC member). CKVI-FM differs from CFRC-FM through its focus on programming by and for secondary school students.

4. CKVI-FM began broadcasting in 1997 at Kingston Collegiate High School, and it was the first licenced high school radio station in Canada. It offers the Specialist High Skills Major Seal, an Ontario Ministry of Education approved certification open to students throughout the Limestone District School Board who wish to learn skills relevant to careers in broadcasting, media, and journalism. The students in this program have created diverse programming including music, documentaries, and public service announcements, all targeted at young people.
5. We understand that CKVI-FM is requesting a power upgrade on the advice of CBOB-FM (CBC Brockville), which shares a frequency with CKVI-FM (91.9 FM). CBOB-FM's plan to increase its signal strength is expected to cause significant interference to CKVI-FM's signal unless CKVI-FM also increases its signal strength. We are told that the CBC has been helpful to CKVI-FM throughout this process, including providing engineering support. If CKVI-FM's application is approved, CKVI-FM will also benefit from obtaining frequency protection as well as reaching double the number of households in the Kingston area.
6. The NCRA/ANREC supports the efforts of CKVI-FM to establish a full power radio station and avoid interference from CBOB-FM, and we will offer assistance and resources to them as they continue to develop their station.

Sincerely,



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cc: KCVI Educational Radio Station Incorporated

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