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Mr. Marc Morin  
Secretary-General  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)  
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Subject: Support for Extension Request on CRTC 2024-137 for Deaf-Blind Accessibility

Dear Mr. Morin,

As Chair of the Deaf-Blind Planning Committee (DBPC), I fully support Megan McHugh, President of the Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind (CNSDB) 's request for a two-week extension on the survey deadline for the CRTC 2024-137 consultation of captioning on online streaming platforms.

I want to acknowledge and fully support the CNSDB's statement that the Deaf-Blind community faces unique challenges in accessing and completing online surveys, particularly when Intervenor (IV) assistance is required. The DBPC confirms that the current timeline does not allow sufficient time for Deaf-Blind individuals to arrange these necessary services, which may prevent full participation in the consultation process. Extending the deadline by two weeks would provide Deaf-Blind Canadians the opportunity to engage meaningfully with this survey, ensuring that their perspectives are represented in this critical discussion on closed captioning and accessibility.

The DBPC believes that supporting this extension aligns with the CRTC's commitment to inclusion and accessibility. By accommodating the specific needs of Deaf-Blind individuals, we can ensure a more comprehensive and representative response from the DDBHH community.

Thank you for considering this request, and I urge you to approve this extension to facilitate full participation that includes sufficient numbers of Deaf-Blind participants.

Sincerely,

Terri Nolt, Chair  
Deaf-Blind Planning Committee (DBPC)