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September 16, 2022

The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sir,

Please accept my congratulations on your recent election as leader of the Conservative Party and your role as Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Yours is an impressive achievement in a lifetime in public service.

It has been a tradition for presidents of CBC/Radio-Canada to request a meeting with new party leaders to discuss the work of CBC/Radio-Canada and its service to Canadians in every region of the country. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to make the case to you directly for the value of the public broadcaster in a time of greater polarization in our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cath Tait". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Tait
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November 29, 2022

The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Sir,

I have received a response from your office informing me that you are not able to accommodate my request to meet with you. I must admit I find this disappointing.

Given that during your leadership campaign, you publicly promised to “defund the CBC”, I would have hoped that spending some time to understand the organization would be useful.

Your party continues to run email blasts and Twitter and Facebook ads, falsely accusing CBC journalists of bias and using the "defund" promise to try and generate money for your party. These fundraising efforts do not acknowledge the scope or value that CBC/Radio-Canada actually delivers to Canadians, or the implications to this country and its economy were it to be “defunded”.

As the head of the public broadcaster and as the leader of the Opposition, I think Canadians can rightly expect that the two of us have a responsibility to discuss the implications of your promise.

With that in mind, I am extending again my request for us to meet. I ask that you reconsider this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Tait". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Catherine" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Tait".

Catherine Tait
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