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To whom it may concern:

The Toronto Coalition to Stop the War is Toronto's city-wide peace coalition. We represent over 70 labour, student, faith and community organizations from across the Greater Toronto Area. We are one of the largest peace coalitions in the Canadian Peace Alliance, Canada's mainstream umbrella peace organization.

We are writing to offer our full support for Al Jazeera English to be allowed to be broadcast by satellite and digital distribution in Canada.

Many of our members and supporters are already familiar with the high quality, informative broadcasts of Al Jazeera English – either through its online version or by viewing it on television in jurisdictions where it is broadcast widely.

Al Jazeera English, in the short time it has been broadcasting internationally, has helped raise the standards for international news services, and has attracted a viewership in excess of 100 million people in over 100 countries. Canada should be among this growing audience.

Al Jazeera English has won critical acclaim for its sensitive and balanced treatment of difficult issues, particularly political questions affecting the Middle East. Many of our members and supporters have been impressed by the diverse range of opinions and perspectives that Al Jazeera English continues to represent, an especially important feat in a country as multicultural as Canada.

Al Jazeera English has proven itself to be a worthy, relevant and engaged broadcaster of international news in countless venues around the world. There is no reason why Canada should not be one of them. On behalf of our broad and diverse membership base, we strongly encourage you to give Canadians full access to Al Jazeera English by permitting its broadcast by satellite and digital distribution in Canada.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our submission.

Sincerely,
Toronto Coalition to Stop the War