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907 Alness Street
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Attention: Mr. Slava Levin

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

Re: Broadcast Application by Al Jazeera – English

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 27th 2009, Students at the University of Toronto at Mississauga requested their student union to adopt a resolution in support of the Al Jazeera English application to the CRTC. The resolution was endorsed unanimously by the Unions' board of directors.

On behalf of the 11,000 members of the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union including its directors, executives and staff, I would like to inform the CRTC and ECGL that students at the University of Toronto Mississauga are in unanimous support of the recommendation for approval. Al Jazeera English is a non-Canadian, English-language satellite service originating in Qatar. We recommend the approval of Al Jazeera English to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis (the digital lists).

UTMSU embraces journalistic integrity. Al-Jazeera English programming and news division are distinct from its Arabic-language operations and most importantly it is the only bona fide English-language network with the most extensive bureaus over the world, Al Jazeera English has the ability to offer acute insight into various region at close proximity.

As supporters of free speech and democratic processes, we urge the CRTC to allow Al Jazeera English the opportunity to broadcast in Canada, joining the hundreds of channels that are currently available through our cable and satellite providers.

The UTM Students' Union would like to thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,

Joey Santiago
President – University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union