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The Hon. Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture
Email: hon.marc.miller@pch.gc.ca

Re: Urgent request for investigation and accountability regarding deceptive CBC/APTN interview practices affecting RCMP veterans

Dear Minister Miller,

I am writing on behalf of the National Police Federation, and our ~20,000 RCMP Members across Canada, to express our profound concern regarding reports that taxpayer funded CBC and APTN linked producers used false pretenses, fabricated identities, and misleading representations to lure RCMP veterans and active Members into interviews under the guise of a television production celebrating their service, only to ambush them with a politically charged segment. Participants have advised that the production demeaned their service and redirected the discussion toward condemning the RCMP. CBC has publicly acknowledged its involvement in a separate “prank” interview in Kamloops and in the production of a series, “Northland Tales,” in early production along with APTN.

If multiple veterans’ and active Member accounts of this production are accurate, this conduct is unacceptable. Veterans and Members who answered an invitation in good faith, reportedly travelled to Vancouver, arrived in uniform, and were then denied informed consent by having their phones taken and the nature of the broadcast changed without warning, deserve at least basic dignity and transparency. Moreso, they deserve our respect and gratitude for their service. The use of deception against retired officers who devoted their careers to serving Canadians for the purpose of entertainment and ratings is not merely poor judgment, it’s a serious breach of trust that calls into question the editorial standards, ethics, and accountability of the organizations involved.

We are asking for immediate action. Specifically, we request that your office:

- **Ensure this content never airs to protect the mental health and dignity of the Members involved.** While we cannot speak to the personal circumstances of these specific Members, many RCMP veterans carry occupational health injuries stemming from decades of frontline service. Being deceived, ambushed on camera, and subjected to public humiliation without informed consent is retraumatizing and could cause serious psychological harm. Broadcast of this material would compound that harm and constitute an ongoing breach of duty of care.
- Launch or direct an inquiry into the planning, approval, and funding of this production.
- Determine whether any federal funds were used improperly and/or should be recovered.
- Require CBC and APTN to identify the personnel and decision-makers responsible for authorizing and executing these deceptive tactics.
- Confirm what safeguards will be implemented to prevent similar conduct in future productions involving vulnerable or unsuspecting participants.

This matter raises serious concerns not only for the RCMP veterans and active Members affected, but also for public confidence in federally supported broadcasting institutions. Taxpayer funded organizations must not be permitted to exploit deception as a tool of political messaging, particularly where the subjects were invited under false pretenses to participate in what they reasonably believed was a respectful recognition of their service.

We expect your prompt attention to this matter and a public response outlining the steps your office will take to ensure accountability. Anything less will further damage trust in both the broadcasting organizations involved and the federal institutions responsible for oversight, and those who have taken an oath to protect public safety.

Sincerely,



Brian Sauvé
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Cc: Mr. Mike Duheme, Commissioner of the RCMP
The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety
The Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
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