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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Adrian Harewood. I am a McGill alumnus and former volunteer and station manager at CKUT- Radio McGill (1996-1999). For the last seven years I have been the anchor of CBC Ottawa News at 6. Prior to that I was the host of CBC Ottawa's drive-home show " All In A Day" (2006-2009). I have also hosted such CBC National programs as The Current, As It Happens and Metro Morning.

Suffice it to say, without the journalistic experience I gained at CKUT I would not be where I am today: I owe much of my professional success to my time at the station.

At a critical juncture in my own personal and professional life, CKUT provided me a treasured space to express my ideas and hone my broadcasting skills. The station offered me unparalleled institutional support for various programming initiatives and inspired me to be bold, take risks and unleash my creativity.

It was thanks to CKUT that I gained my first long form radio documentary experience. As someone who studied history and political science, CKUT became my school of journalism.

One of the great benefits that I derived from being a member of CKUT was the collective wisdom of its remarkably dynamic community of volunteers. I learned how to work collaboratively with a range of personalities from multiple communities at McGill and Montreal at-large. This exposure to the world within the confines of campus community radio station was the best education anyone could ask for.

For decades now CKUT-Radio McGill has been one of the most vital centres of culture at McGill and indeed in the city of Montreal. The station continues to touch tens of thousands of listeners a week and has helped to launch the careers of some of Canada's most talented radio and television broadcasters/reporters including Patti Schmidt (CBC), Ben O'Hara- Byrne (CTV), Tracy Moore (CITY TV), Stuart Greer (Global), Amanda Pfeffer (CBC) and many others. I am confident that CKUT-Radio McGill will continue to be a beacon in Canada's cultural and media landscape for many years to come and inspire a new generation of McGill students to become storytellers.

Sincerely,

Adrian Harewood – News Anchor CBC Ottawa News at 6