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This brief is submitted by:

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or

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Topic: Rural, remote and urban communities

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

We believe that the federal government needs to adopt measures to support francophone community radio stations in minority language communities. This is needed not only in order for the radio stations to survive, but also in the interests of community, sociocultural and economic activity in our communities.

In recent years, the situations of some community radio stations in minority language communities have unfortunately become increasingly precarious. Their contribution to the survival and vitality of our communities is of such importance, however, that we cannot allow them to disappear.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

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1 year

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In our presentation to the Standing Committee on Official Languages, we estimated that about $840,000 (per year) is needed to allow each of the community radio stations that belong to ARC du Canada to have one permanent staff member. When the Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality 2013-2018 was presented, we were very happy to learn that efforts would be made to strengthen key sectors of the communities, such as education, arts and culture (including heritage) and media. We are very much hoping that these measures will be put into concrete action.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

Because our member radio stations are scattered among the francophone communities throughout ten provinces and two territories of Canada, the direct beneficiaries of preserving our French-language community radio stations are all of the members of those communities, in addition to the surrounding regions.

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

By making it possible to maintain at least one permanent human resource per station, we will be guaranteeing continuous operation, and the stations will therefore be able to continue to carry out their mission. That mission includes sharing information in French, giving a voice to local and regional organizations, providing a showcase for francophone artists, building a bridge between government and the public, and checking capital flight by encouraging people to shop locally. The presence of a community radio station has countless impacts on our communities.

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Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided