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**Subject:** Rogers / Shaw - Competition Bureau Inviting Comments by October 29th

Dear Chair Wagner and Director LeBourdais,

The Cariboo Regional District has put forward tremendous effort and attention in advocating for broadband solutions in order to close the digital divide. Following my recent conversation with Director LeBourdais, we commend the Regional District for completing a Regional Broadband Strategy and moving forward with a committee to look closely at implementing solutions. We recognize that access to high-speed internet and cellular service is needed to fully engage economic development and access to services for everyone. As you know, Rogers announced that it is proposing to acquire Shaw, and we continue to work with our regulators (CRTC, Competition Bureau and Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development) with the hope of receiving approval in early 2022.

In considering the acquisition, I am reaching out to you today requesting the CRD to please provide comments to the Competition Bureau by **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. The link to make comments is available [here](#). Please know your comments will be confidential, and not part of a public process.

The Bureau is currently investigating whether the proposed acquisition is likely to result in a substantial lessening or prevention of competition for services provided by the companies, including mobile wireless, wireline and broadcasting services. As part of its investigation, the Bureau invites interested parties to submit information to assist in its assessment of the potential competitive impacts of the proposed acquisition. This Request for Information identifies areas in which the Bureau is seeking information to advance its investigation. However, the **Bureau remains open to considering additional information**. Depending on the volume of information received, the Bureau may not be able to respond to each interested party, but the information received will be thoroughly reviewed and considered.

**Over the years, our teams have noted local government leaders, like yourself, have made comments that there is no meaningful competition to Telus and this is particularly acute outside Metro Vancouver.** If this is something you would be willing to raise with the Competition Bureau, we ask that you please forward your comments before October 29<sup>th</sup> which remain confidential. We are pleased to support this effort by providing you with key contact information and a template letter you could personalize (see attached). Ideally your comments should be short and direct, you can also offer to speak directly with the Competition Bureau by including a phone number in your letter, if you like.

I recognize this is very short notice, and would be happy to discuss over the phone or MS Teams in the next day or so. I'm available at 778-928-1919.

Best,

Kiersten

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