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Dear Jean,

Thank you for your letter calling for all federal political parties to support the minority government to ensure the budget legislation is passed in the House of Commons.

We believe there should be an election about Liberal corruption and broken promises and there will be. However I do believe we have an obligation to get as much done as we can in the short time ahead - which means job one is getting a better, balanced budget passed.

After 12 years of Liberal government, the CBC's budget has been slashed by more than 20%, and the Conservatives don't even mention the CBC in their policy documents. Instead of using budget surpluses to invest in the CBC and Canadian culture, Paul Martin and the Liberals have used that money to fund tax cuts for friends, insiders and big corporations.

We can use practical solutions to support the CBC and Canadian culture, and protect balanced news coverage of our country and our world. Today's NDP will work for practical solutions for preserving Canada's identity:

Sincerely,

Jack Layton, MP (Toronto-Danforth)
Leader, New Democratic Party of Canada

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