

I support the Writer's Guild of Canada's recommendations:

Virtually all countries with successful international content (aside from the U.S.) support the creation and development of that content through regulation and funding.

Government policies either support your work, or add weight to the pressures to leave Canada and contribute to the creative economy of some other country.

The Canada Media Fund must remain a ten-point fund. The ten-point system is hugely instrumental in Canadian success stories to date. We need regulation to promote Canada's creativity in the digital world.

Screenwriters/showrunners — not financial producers — are the creative driver and authorial voice of Canadian productions. Development is a cornerstone in order to create the best work. The government could help create a system such as Denmark's "One Vision," which resulted in the massive international success of shows like *The Killing* and *Borgen*. "One Vision" supports an extensive time frame for development.

The world is moving online and so must government support for Canadian content — if we want Canadian voices in that space. This means sensible, appropriate Canadian content contributions for "over the top" (OTT) television providers such as CraveTV, Amazon, and Netflix.

OTT is covered by the Broadcasting Act, as the act is technologically neutral. It was the CRTC's decision to exempt OTT providers, but that exemption could and should be lifted. We need the help of the Minister of Heritage to ensure that it's possible for Canadian creators to continue to make professional content for any platform.

The government should give full effect to the principles of the Broadcasting Act, which include encouraging "the development of Canadian expression by providing a wide range of programming that reflects Canadian attitudes, opinions, ideas, values and artistic creativity, by displaying Canadian talent in entertainment programming and by offering information and analysis concerning Canada and other countries from a Canadian point of view," all of which helps "promote a strong democracy."