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Dear colleagues,

The Standing Committee on Heritage has decided to start holding hearings on the impact of the budget cuts to arts and culture programs. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, September 2 in Ottawa. There will likely be another session on Thursday, September 4, but that may be the only two if the persistent rumours of an upcoming election are correct.

Each party has until Friday noon to provide the Committee's Clerk with a list of witnesses whom they would like to call. You can express your interest to be called as witness to any of the following contacts, **MAKING SURE TO INDICATE IF YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EITHER SITTING AND IN PARTICULAR THE SEPTEMBER 2 ONE**. Also indicate where you can be reached, the Clerk having only Friday afternoon to confirm the list of witness for Tuesday!

Liberal Party: please contact Benoît Bouvier tel. 613 286 9899 or email coderd0@parl.gc.ca
NDP: please contact Andrea Emond tel. (613) 996-5597 or email siksab@parl.gc.ca
Bloc Québécois: please contact Daniel Dicaire, tel. 613-946-0644 tlx : 613-941-3300 email debelc@parl.gc.ca

Don't forget to specify if your organization would be ready to appear as early as Tuesday!

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