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The Honourable Scott Moe
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Dear Premier Moe:

I write to you today regarding the threat posed by Huawei to our publicly owned telecommunications company, SaskTel.

Since this deal was first proposed, New Democrats have raised concerns about your government's decision to allow Huawei to play a role in SaskTel's infrastructure network. Recent revelations about Huawei's business practices have made it abundantly clear that this is a company with which our Crown corporations should not be dealing.

Security experts have raised alarms for years about the risk Huawei poses to the privacy of Saskatchewan people and the security of Saskatchewan's networks. It is well-past time that your government took these concerns seriously.

SaskTel ratepayers have paid more than \$181 million since 2010 to Huawei for services described by SaskTel officials as being "on the periphery of the network." SaskTel has also partnered with the University of Regina for 5G service on campus. Saskatchewan people deserve a full accounting of the risks and rationale for this involvement.

In order to protect the privacy and security of Saskatchewan people, we request you take the following immediate actions:

1. Place an immediate moratorium on any further contracts between SaskTel and Huawei.
2. Provide the public with a thorough description of all of Huawei's involvement with SaskTel and of all safeguards in place to protect the Saskatchewan public.
3. Request an urgent analysis by Canadian Security Intelligence Services of any potential risk for espionage via Huawei's existing involvement with SaskTel.
4. Provide an assessment of the cost of ending current contracts with Huawei and removing any technology that poses risk, and outlining a process for ending this engagement should that be the wiser course of action.

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Other countries, including our allies in the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, have taken steps to protect the privacy and security interests of their citizens, and I implore you to listen to the concerns of Canadian security and industry experts who are calling for the same.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan".

Ryan Meili
Leader of the Official Opposition

cc: Warren McCall, Official Opposition Critic for SaskTel