

I know you're reviewing Canada Post right now so I wanted to let you know what my post office means to me.

I dearly love my post office. I love that I can mail a letter across the country for only 52 cents. I love receiving birthday cards delivered right to my front door.

I love seeing the big red mailboxes as I walk down city streets. I live in the country and I love having a rural mailbox.

I believe my post office should remain a monopoly. I'm worried that deregulating my post office would cut service and raise prices for mailing letters. I'm worried that we don't have enough long term evidence about the effects of deregulating post offices. Please don't deregulate my post office!

I think universal postal service is great! I like that I can move anywhere from coast to coast to coast and still receive my mail – and all for 52 cents a letter. It's an incredible feat in a country with the second largest land mass. There is postal service across all 9,330,970 sq km of this country. I'm mighty proud of that.

I live in a tiny isolated community. If I said the name, I'd wager you wouldn't recognize it. I rely on my mail in ways you couldn't even imagine. My new clothing arrives by mail. I order it from a catalogue. I've even been known to send off my laundry by mail to have it delivered back clean. Postal service takes on a new importance when you live where I live.

I want a green post office. I want a post office that reduces its environmental footprint. I want Canada Post to stop looking at hybrid vehicles and start using them. I want Canada Post to encourage the public to use certified 100% recycled paper and an environmentally sound printing process for advertisements and envelopes. And I want Canada Post to build green, safe and healthy buildings.

I've worked at the post office for 17 years. I think it's great that I can earn a good living wage and receive quality benefits while delivering an important public service. I think it's so important that the post office continues to provide good jobs and lots of them.

I think Canada Post should expand door-to-door mail delivery. Almost everyone likes to walk outside their front door or to the road and collect their mail. I have a disability and having my mail delivered to my front door is so important. I'm getting on in years and having door-to-door mail delivery means I can keep in touch with my friends and family.

Thanks for listening to me.

In Solidarity,

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