

*Coalition pour les droits des aînés et des résidents des foyers de soins de
longue durée*

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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR),
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A ON5

Dear Sir/ Madam

De- Regulation

The Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents' Rights representing more than 55 groups with a make up of 100,000 members in the province of New Brunswick write to demand that our public post office not be deregulated and that Canada Post maintain its exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters.

As mail user, and seniors we are concerned by deregulation. Deregulation elsewhere has not proven to be a good thing for the public. We are also very concerned that the review of our public post office does not include public hearings. We believe that the government should not make any decisions about our public post office until it has properly consulted with the public.

Canada currently has one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world, and our postal services are universal and affordable. This is something to celebrate, not de-regulate, and dismantle.

When Canada Post was granted the exclusive privilege to deliver letters in 1981, legislators understood that market forces alone could not guarantee a reasonable level of service at affordable prices to all Canadians, especially those living in rural or remote areas. At that time it was estimated that the cost of servicing rural and isolated areas was 'six to ten times' the existing postage rate of a first class letter.

If the government decides to deregulate our post office by reducing or eliminating the exclusive privilege, it will have to dramatically reduce service or find another way of funding universal service. Of course, government subsidies are highly unlikely in this day and age.

We believe deregulation would lead to a downward spiral for Canada Post, as private sector competitor's focus on profitable areas and services, leaving the unprofitable parts to our public post office.

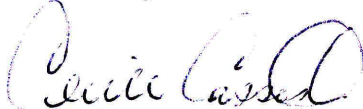
Privatizing our postal service is not one we relish or support. We are fully aware that profits will be placed before service which will impact on all Canadians as well as seniors.

With fewer profits, Canada Post would find it increasingly difficult and eventually impossible - to provide public postal service, especially in rural and remote parts of the country.

We request that public consultation take place before embarking on the avenue to consider de- regulation.

We look forward to your earliest response to our communication.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecile Cassista".

Cecile Cassista
Executive Director

cc: Board Members, Coalition Partners