

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this submission on behalf of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers in Corner Brook, Newfoundland Local 039.

We feel that this strategic review is a great injustice on the Postal Service that the people of Canada have known and relied on for many years. With just the thought of deregulation scares us to think about how long before our jobs as Postal Workers are in jeopardy.

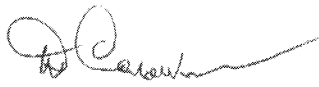
Right now the people of Canada know that all of their private and personal information is being handled by one company, Canada Post. If letter mail was deregulated, the possibility for identity fraud is endless. Most people have pay stubs, bank statements, government cheques, etc. coming each and every day to their homes, knowing that Canada Post is delivering it to them. Deregulation gives every man and his dog the opportunity to see what you, as a Canadian, have coming to your house on a daily basis.

Deregulation has been tried and has failed miserably in other countries around the world. In Sweden, postage rates increased by 90%. In the United Kingdom, since deregulating in 2006, mail volumes and revenues have fallen and they figure an increase in postage rates is inevitable.

Canada Post has brought large revenues but postal services has not improved to where they could be. With that being said, deregulation will only continue to hurt the people of this country, the voters. Deregulation will give competitors the chance to pick where they want to deliver and they get to set their own rates. Right now, a Canadian in British Columbia can send a letter to Newfoundland for 57 cents through Canada Post. Competitors may try to charge 57 dollars for the same distance.

Canada Post is a service that all Canadians have come to depend on. The people should have been told by their government what was going on with this Strategic Review. Canadians voted you in, they can vote you out!!! If Canada Post isn't broken, WHY try to fix it???

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