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C.P.C. Strategy Committee

I am writing on behalf of the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada and its 600,000 members and affiliates.

The members and their families fully support the regulation and *Canada Post Act* that gives Canada Post Crown Corporation the 'Exclusive Privilege' to handle letters. Canada Post Corporation, with the 'Exclusive Privilege', is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal service to everyone no matter where they live in our huge country, be it a large urban centre or a rural isolated community. The service will become impossible for our public post office to provide universal postal service if the Government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service - the 'Exclusive Privilege'.

The Congress of Union Retirees had members who made submissions when Canada Post Corporation was created in 1981. The Government understood that market forces alone could not guarantee a reasonable service at affordable prices to all Canadians, especially those living in rural areas. In order to protect this universal service the Corporation was given the 'Exclusive Privilege' for letter mail. The same conditions apply today, as in 1981, and the 'Exclusive Privilege' should be maintained as set out in the Government legislation when they created Canada Post Corporation.

The members we represent are retired workers and their families from all areas of Canada. The main venue of communication to and from our members is by letter mail sent through Canada Post Corporation.

The members and their families object to any action that would interfere with this method of communication and we urge the Government to continue the 'Exclusive Privilege' given to Canada Post Corporation.

The Congress of Union Retirees of Canada also objects that hearings, on such a serious issue that could affect all Canadians and their postal service, were conducted without public hearings or input to get the opinions of all Canadians on this important subject.

I ask that you consider the effects of any change to the 'Exclusive Privilege' on the citizens of Canada and in particular to the senior citizens and their families living in rural communities.

In solidarity,



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