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To: The Advisory Panel on Canada Post;

Dear Panel,

Our council feels that once again the rural areas of Canada will suffer if the post office is deregulated. The rich get richer and the rest are forgotten about. Leave our post offices alone as it has been working for over a century. It is a fair way of communicating for everyone. Even with email etc. it is always nice to receive a letter or card from family & friends etc.

We do most of our business through the mail for our closest major centre is 60km away from our village. With government dead lines having to be met on assessment and so forth, we have a reasonable guarantee that our dead lines will be met through our mail system. If it deregulates we will have no guarantee that things will get to their destination on time.

We can see rural areas having very little service at all for we do not have the volume that the major centers do.

When is someone going to stop giving every advantage to the major centers and think about the people in the rural areas that help supply these people with the fundamentals of life like their food from our surrounding farms. The farmers receive their mail from boxes or from small villages like ours that is lucky enough to still have a post office surviving.

Is everything in this world about making the most money possible? How about leaving the post office service alone, giving everyone fare communication that is reliable, reasonable, secure, and a reasonable way to make a living for many people in this country.

If our postal service gets deregulated can you guarantee that we will have the same service as we have now? We don't believe you can! Stop forgetting about the rural remote parts of Canada for a change. We are all Canadian's that deserve to be treated equally in this country! Not like we are second had citizen's for we don't choose to live in the cities.

Rural people already have to travel to the cities to receive treatment from doctor's etc. Many live many hours away. Next, we will have to travel to the cities just to pick up our mail and parcels. It seems that the expense is always put back on the rural areas and the smaller urban ones.

Thank You,

Kendra Busch

## CANADA POST CORPORATION STRATEGIC REVIEW

**WHEREAS** the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters)

**WHEREAS** it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service - the exclusive privilege.

**WHEREAS** postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

**WHEREAS** the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office -- the public.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Village of Calder send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post -- the public .

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