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Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2008 10:37 AM
To: Jeanne Caswell/Alan Colpitts
Cc: Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities / Ministre des Transports, de l'infrastructure et des Collectivités
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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Dear Ms. Caswell:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, I would like to acknowledge your e-mail regarding an issue which falls within the responsibilities of the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your e-mail to the Minister, so that he may be made aware of your views.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. For more information on the Government's initiatives, you may wish to visit the Prime Minister's Web site, at www.pm.gc.ca.

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>>> From : Jeanne Caswell/Alan Colpitts
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Dear Mr. Harper:

If it is true that you are planning to privatize/deregulate Canada's postal service, I urge you to reconsider. Canada Post is an important and well-run institution. This is the kind of service for which I am pleased to pay taxes. It is important that it be run by government for the benefit of all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Caswell
Saskatchewan

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Ms. Jeanne Caswell

Dear Ms. Caswell:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, a copy of your correspondence of August 20, 2008, regarding the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review. Minister Cannon has asked me to reply on his behalf.

Canada Post Corporation (CPC) is a Crown corporation that reports to Parliament through the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and operates at arm's length from the Government of Canada. The Corporation is responsible for the management of its operations in accordance with its enabling legislation, the *Canada Post Corporation Act*. As Minister responsible for CPC, Minister Cannon's role is to determine the Corporation's broad policy direction, while respecting its operational autonomy in other matters.

The federal government believes that CPC should remain a Crown corporation to ensure that it is well positioned to meet its public policy obligations while providing valuable mail services for Canadians. However, the number of addresses in Canada has continued to increase annually, as traditional mail volumes have dropped, resulting in letter carriers having to deliver fewer pieces of surface mail per address to more addresses. CPC is facing new challenges in all aspects of its operations. Advances in technology, such as e-mail and the Internet, combined with globalization, increased competition, and reduced demand for traditional postal services, are all having an impact on CPC.

The federal government believes strongly in the Corporation and supports its long-term financial sustainability. For this reason, on April 21, 2008, the Minister launched a strategic review of CPC that adheres to established terms of reference and is led by an independent advisory panel. The panel is guided by the following four principles:

1. Canada Post will not be privatized and will remain a Crown corporation;
2. Canada Post must maintain a universal, effective and economically viable postal service;
3. Canada Post will continue to act as an instrument of public policy through the provision of postal services to Canadians; and
4. Canada Post will continue to operate in a commercial environment and is expected to attain a realistic rate of return on equity.

Should you require any further information, I would encourage you to consult the CPC Strategic Review [website](#), which provides detailed information about the review process, including its terms of reference, background information and the submissions that have been received.

As the advisory panel is seeking the input of interested parties, key stakeholders, and the Canadian public in general, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Dr. Robert Campbell, Chair of the CPC Strategic Review Advisory Panel, for consideration.

I trust that this action will prove satisfactory. Again, thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

Andrew Walasek

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c.c. Dr. Robert Campbell

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