

Dear Advisory Panel,

As a member of the Council of Canadians, I am writing to contribute my view to the decisions surrounding the potential deregulation of Canada Post. I believe that Canada Post should not be deregulated and moreover, that it retain its exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters. As one of the millions of Canadians who use the postal service, I am concerned by deregulation. Deregulation elsewhere has not proven to be a good thing for the public.

And while this opportunity to voice our concerns is valuable, it fails to recognise and gain the opinions of the general public. How widespread is knowledge of this assessment and review? Any review must involve public hearings in order for the users of this service to deliver their own assessments and judgements. The use of the postal service is something that exists in virtually every community, whether that community is comprised of a few hundred people or a few million people. This points to the fact that any decision regarding our postal service must be open and accessible to the public for consultation. We need to collectively address the issues to our postal service, something that is so engrained in the fabric of this country. In relation, it is important that the government extend the deadline for members of the public to offer their suggestions and opinions.

Currently, we have one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world. Our postal services are universal and affordable – wherever in this beautiful country that we happen to be living or visiting. Our postal service is something to celebrate, not deregulate and dismantle.

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