

Dear Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Beaudoin and Mr. Bader:

RE: Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR)

I am writing to you because I live in a rural area and I am very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in this country.

I feel very strongly that deregulation would jeopardize universal postal service. If postal delivery is opened up to free market competition, those living in rural or remote areas would see a reduction or elimination of services because it is not profitable. As a person living in a rural area, I would be impacted by this.

I think that Canada has a unique set of circumstances that are different than many other countries. We are a smaller population in a large geographical area. Because of this I believe we are better served by not having a free market for essential services. The guiding principal of a free market is to make a profit, which can not happen where the population is less dense. What seems reasonable in a large city environment will not work when applied to the majority of the country.

Why are there no public hearings, when the changes that are being considered will have such a huge impact on that same public? Secrecy causes suspicion and a general lack of goodwill. Of course periodic reviews must take place. Inefficiency serves no one. We all benefit from considering better ways to do things, but I am very concerned that public comment can only be made in written submissions. The lack of public hearings during this review of Canada Post, which most government review panels undertake is not the right approach, and I am very concerned by this.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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