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Canada Post Strategic Review  
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Members of Advisory Panel,

I am writing to you today to add my voice with that of the 700 members, and their families, of the Fraser Valley Local C.U.P.W. in support of the public postal system that we have here in Canada.

It pains us to see that the strategic review is being done by three people who will not be going out to communities, cities and towns to see and hear how the postal service not only keeps these places together but how pleased Canadians are that they can communicate with each other at such a reasonable rate. The real owners of Canada Post live in these communities and we feel that without seeing how Canada Post affects them the 'Panel' cannot make a fair and just decision.

For the past number of years Canada Post has provided the Federal Government with dividends to be used at its discretion. It's disappointing to us that it has not been used for improvements to the postal system like more door-to-door delivery and post offices. Considering the fact that Canada Post does make a profit one would have to ask themselves why we would want the profits to go to a company as opposed to the people of Canada.

As far as to what the effects of a deregulation and/or privatization of the postal system will be on Canadians, one can only guess due to the fact that long-term exposure to this kind of post office has not been done. As postal workers we believe that the effects will not only be harmful to us, as workers, but also to Canadians who do not live in major suburban areas. We also believe that the price of sending information or product through a private post office will increase because of the demand for profit over service. Canada Post has a huge responsibility to all Canadians no matter where they live and as a Crown Corporation they do so because of the Canada Post Corporation Act, private companies do not fall under this Act therefore Canadians suffer.

Another major concern with the possible deregulation of Canada Post is the security of the mail. Many people may believe that a little competition would be healthy but we know that those people seem to be forgetting about the security of the mail and the places to which those mailings are sent. When you open the doors to multiple mailers then you

also increase the chances of theft and fraud. This would be a major concern for all communities across Canada.

The postal system in Canada not only works but generates funds for the Federal Government, creates jobs for Canadians and is the tie that binds many small communities across this great nation. As the saying goes "If it ain't broke don't fix it" the postal system is not broken but can be improved within itself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holzer", written in a cursive style.

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