

SUBMISSION TO

THE CANADA POST CORPORATION
STRATEGIC REVIEW

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Dear Panel Members:

I wanted to write you and share my thoughts on the Canada Post strategic Review you are conducting.

First, I would like to say that I object to the way this review is being conducted. The Canada Post is owned by the people as a public service for all Canadians. I find it completely inappropriate to review the mandate without holding public hearings to allow Canadians to express their views. It certainly isn't transparent or democratic.

Any changes to the mandate of Canada Post should only be considered after cross-Canada public hearings have taken place and the public have had an opportunity to express our views and hold the government accountable.

I am opposed to the elimination of the exclusive privilege on first class letter mail. Canada Post's monopoly on first class letters allows the postal service to raise sufficient revenues to guarantee and maintain a universal service and product price that is equal for everyone in Canada no matter where they live. I have lived in small communities throughout Manitoba and could always count on the postal service to send and receive letters and packages from friends. I have lived in remote communities and still have friends that I mail and speak with on a regular basis. The postal service has afforded me the opportunity to stay in contact with people in rural and remote communities at an affordable and universal price. I don't want this to change. Eliminating the exclusive privilege will undermine the universal service obligation under the CPC Act and needs to be completely rejected by your panel.

I call upon you to reject the conservative governments rhetoric that wants to see the public service destroyed. Their motives are self serving. They don't care about people; they only care about profits and giving the large corporations a bigger and bigger part of the heritage and soul of this country.

Canada Post plays a vitally important role in the economic and social development of our country. Our postage rates are the second lowest in the industrialized world which is quite an accomplishment given the sheer size

of Canada. It has maintained self sufficiency for 12 consecutive years and continues to provide efficient and affordable service. In short, our postal system is working well and meeting the needs of Canadians and should be left alone.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on this important subject.

Sincerely,

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