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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
Ottawa ON K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Cannon:

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Gillies, I hereby request that the Federal government hold public hearings on the Canada Post Strategic Review and to oppose postal deregulation of Canada Post.

As a small and rural municipality in Ontario, Canada Post is one of the only remaining postal services that delivers to our community; private sector mail providers no longer tend to service rural areas. We are fortunate enough to have a public post office in Gillies Township. The local post office creates local employment, as well as providing affordable letter and parcel service to our residents. The Township of Gillies chooses Canada Post as its foremost provider of letter and parcel services, since we have the convenience of a local post office.

As local governing bodies, municipal councils are mandated by the Province of Ontario to be transparent and accountable to the public. In the Canada Post Strategic Review, the Federal Government should be held to this same standard and hold public hearings to properly consult with the public – the true owners of Canada Post.

As a local municipal representative, I urge the Federal Government to preserve our universal public postal service.

Sincerely,



John Vanlenthe
Reeve

cc Canadian Union of Postal Workers