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

I am most concerned about the issue of whether Canada Post should continue to have the exclusive privilege of handling our mail, or if it should be opened up to free-market competition. 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. Postal deregulation in other countries has led to reduced service, higher postal rates and fewer jobs. There is no good reason to make a change that would undermine Canada Post's ability to fund and provide services to all Canadians.

I understand that consultations are being held with stakeholders, including government, industry, delivery companies and business groups. 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, concerns me greatly.

I stand with The Council of Canadians and citizens across the country in saying no to postal deregulation.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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