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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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Dear Advisory Panel:

I understand that for the first time in twelve years, the federal government has asked for a "strategic review" of the operations of Canada Post. (This inquiry, I understand, is being called 'CPCSR'.)

I am extremely concerned that such an inquiry could lead to the reduction or elimination of Canada Post's

exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters, by opening it to competition from private (especially American-based) companies. Without this exclusive privilege, Canada Post could be rendered incapable of generating enough money to provide affordable postal service to Canadians who live in far-flung, more isolated, less lucrative areas of this huge country.

Allowing American-based companies to deliver mail in Canada could also lead to serious issues of loss of privacy for Canadians, since such companies would be subject to the terms of the USA Patriot Act, and might be required to turn over their records regarding the sending and receipt of mail to the US government.

The Canadian federal government's decision not to hold public hearings in connection with the review of Canada Post's operations, and to accept written submissions over only a brief four-month period which includes the summer months when many Canadians are away on vacations, is also suspect as it appears to be designed to limit input from citizens.

I would like to go on record as strongly supporting continued universal, publicly-provided, regulated and exclusive postal service to all Canadians in all parts of the country, with no interference from private competitors.

I await your reply.

Respectfully,
Michael Kustudic