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Canada Post Corporation,
Strategic Review Advisory Panel,
330 Sparks Street (HCCR),
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0N5

Dear Advisory Panel Members:

The Council of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (Nova Scotia), at their meeting held August 12, 2008, was made aware of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008 and is looking at deregulating our public post office.

Municipal Councillors expressed concern as to what the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review may lead to and, in particular, how it will affect rural municipalities. Council requested that a letter be written as their submission to the Strategic Review Advisory Panel.

Municipal Council requested that the letter state their opposition to deregulation of Canada Post and request that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public. Council also requested that the letter point out that, in addition to providing access to affordable postal service to each person in Canada through the collection and delivery of mail at postal offices, outlets and post boxes, it is important for Canada Post to continue to meet a range of public policy objectives, many of which are very important to residents in rural municipalities like the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, and are:

1) *Universal Service Obligation*

Provide basic customary postal service at affordable rates across the country.

2) *Materials for the Use of the Blind*

3) *Government Free Mail*

4) *Publications Assistance Program (PAP) Subsidy*

To eligible Canadian magazines and weekly newspapers to offset their mailing costs to addresses in Canada.

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5) *Library Book Rates (LBR)*

6) *Food Mail Program*

7) *Moratorium on the Closure of Rural Post Offices owned and operated by Canada Post*

8) *Rural Mailbox Delivery*

Municipal Council would like to emphasize the importance of the commitment of this service to rural municipalities.

Please consider this letter as the submission by the Council of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review.

Yours truly,



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