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Dr. Robert Campbell, Chair,
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Dear Dr. Campbell,

As a small business person working in the communications field, I am very concerned about the possibility of further deregulation of Canada Post's mandate. I know this is a policy you have recommended in your academic review of the future of Canada Post. The current government has already taken a step in this direction by liberalizing the "re-mailing" of international post.

Any further deregulation of Canada Post's exclusive privileges to deliver first class mail within Canada could have devastating consequences for the general public and small business. I am particularly disturbed that your review is proceeding to consider this matter without public hearings and during a brief four-month window that includes the summer.

Given the contradictory results produced by deregulation of air travel and wireless phone services, it is important to move carefully. When I consider the mixed results, at best, of deregulation in Europe, I become especially concerned. It is disturbing to note, for example, that an independent review of deregulation in the United Kingdom found no evidence of benefits to consumers or business.

Canada Post is a public service success story, generating hundreds of millions of dollars in dividends for taxpayers while providing high quality, affordable, universal services. It should not be altered without full consultation and consideration of all the consequences.

Yours truly,

Geoff Meggs, president

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