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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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Dear Advisory Panel Members,

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation represents over 50,000 teachers and support staff workers. Our central office at 60 Mobile Drive in Toronto spends over \$200,000 annually on mailing through Canada Post. This may represent less than half our total since our 33 district offices also use the mail.

We understand the federal government is conducting a review of the post office. Let me outline the concerns of our organization.

Canada Post was granted the exclusive privilege to deliver letters in 1981. Due to Canada's special urban rural split it was known then as it is known now that the major urban areas of Canada largely subsidize the cost of postal service in small rural and remote areas. We in OSSTF believe that deregulation in the postal service would lead to a downward spiral of Canada Post with private companies focussed on Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver with CPC left servicing the remainder of Canada at radically increased unit costs.

Countries who have fully deregulated their post offices have higher standard postage rates. At the same time service is likely to be reduced. The inability to support rural rates will lead to inevitable service reductions.

We believe, supported by polling done by Angus Reid, that Canadians want a universal postal service at a uniform rate.

The loss of well paid jobs particularly for women workers in rural areas can be expected to coincide with deregulation. As an organization that strongly promotes women's issues we are extremely sensitive to this issue.

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If deregulation of the Post Office were to be recommended, we in OSSTF would feel compelled to inform our membership that this direction is wrong for OSSTF and wrong for Canada.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views on this very important topic.

Yours truly

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