

Dear Post Office Review:

I know you're reviewing Canada Post right now so I wanted to let you know what my post office means to me and my family.

We live on a farm, and as Canadians we expect to have some universal services, one of them being access to affordable and reliable mail service. Over the years rural Canada has lost many services in the name of cost efficiency because "there are not enough people living in non-urban communities to support rural services". Postal service should not be the next service to lose. We love that we can mail a letter across the country for only 52 cents. Canada Post is one service that has been cut, we have lost many of our rural post offices, we have lost jobs because of government regulations – we should not have to lose any more.

I believe our post office should remain a monopoly. I'm worried that deregulating my post office would cut service and raise prices for mailing letters. I'm worried that we don't have enough long term evidence about the effects of deregulating post offices. Please don't deregulate our post office!

I think universal postal service is great! I like that I can move anywhere from coast to coast to coast and still receive my mail – and all for 52 cents a letter. It's an incredible feat in a country with the second largest land mass. There is postal service across all 9,330,970 sq km of this country. I'm proud of that.

We live in a tiny isolated community. If I said the name, I'd wager you wouldn't recognize it. We rely on our mail in ways you couldn't even imagine. Postal service takes on a new importance when you live where we live.

I want a green post office. I want a post office that reduces its environmental footprint. I want Canada Post to look at using hybrid vehicles. I want Canada Post to encourage the public to use certified 100% recycled paper and an environmentally sound printing process for advertisements and envelopes. And I want Canada Post to build green, safe and healthy buildings.

I think it's so important that the post office continues to provide good jobs for the people working at Canada Post. Cuts to jobs means cuts to our services and that is not good for rural citizens.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Barbara Toews
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