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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review  
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The Vancouver Local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is taking this opportunity to make a submission to the CPC Strategic Review.

We are all stakeholders in the future of our public post office. It is of grave concern that the process for the review does not include public hearings; the review fundamentally rejecting out of hand the input of the largest customer base of Canada Post.

If the exclusive privilege on delivering letter mail were removed, higher postal rates would be the result, along with fewer jobs and a decline in service. Great Britain and Sweden are examples of increasing rates due to deregulation. Canada currently has one of the lowest rates in the world for postage. As there are only a few countries that have had experience with postal deregulation over time, it would be smart to see what happens to them before making changes we will regret.

Another means for improving service would be for Canada Post to put the profits that they turn over to the government as dividends, back into the system. Not only has the rural service base been eroded, but the urban services have suffered significantly from contracting out. Door to door service should be a priority for Canada Post given that the level of mail theft is increasing, and it is

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primarily from group boxes. If deregulation were to be introduced, it would be extremely difficult to assure the public that private delivery companies are able to live up to legislation that requires the security of the mail.

One of the most trusted institutions in our country, the Post Office should focus on keeping it that way by improving service, providing employees with safe, unionized jobs, fair wages and good working conditions.

Sincerely,



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