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To Whom It May Concern:

The Victoria Local 850 welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review.
The Victoria Local has more than 700 members that work in the postal sector.

We are writing because we are very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in this country.

As postal workers and users of the mail, we are concerned by the kind of changes being considered by the (CPCSR) such as deregulation of our public post office. We feel that the services that we get from Canada Post assist us every day at home and at our work. As a union, we promote the use of Canada Post.

Overall, full scale postal deregulation has not worked well; we are very concerned that deregulation would negatively affect our members.

Postal deregulation in other countries has largely led to fewer jobs, less service and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

There is no good reason to change the mechanism that funds universal postal service - the exclusive privilege. We currently have one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world.

Our postal services are universal and affordable, no small feat in the second largest country in the world.

Our post office is not broken. It does not need to be fixed, only improved.

IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR CANADA POST TO IMPROVE PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE IF THE GOVERNMENT ERODES OR ELIMINATES THE MECHANISM THAT FUNDS THIS SERVICE (i.e. the exclusive privilege).

Members of the Victoria Local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers are also members of the public with real stake in our public post office. We are concerned, from this perspective that the government is not holding public hearings as part of its review of Canada Post. Any review of our public post office should include public hearings. The government should not make any decisions about our public post office until it has properly consulted with the PUBLIC. The government should also extend the deadline for submissions.

Thank you for considering our submission

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