

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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Sent by Fax

Dear Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Beaudoin and Mr. Bader:

Re: Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review

I wish to formally register my concern about the notion of deregulating the postal service in Canada.

I am strongly believe that we must retain Canada Post, accountable to Canadians through parliament, as the exclusive agency responsible for handling our mail. There are a number of private "courier" services presently operating in Canada that are only too happy to accommodate those who need or prefer an alternative. They, however, are accountable only to their shareholders who dictate corporate policy and who may very well decide, at any time, to place their investments elsewhere.

We have already seen what happened when the airline service in Canada was de-regulated. I now costs more to fly from Toronto to Timmins than it does to fly to Vancouver or, on a good day, even to London. Deregulation will not only diminish the capacity of Canada Post to continue to service remote areas, it will diminish the capacity to service all of Canada. And once the step is taken and the infrastructure, both physical and human resource is dismantled, there is no turning back. We have only to look to the experience of other countries in this regard.

I find it curious that there will be no public hearings on a matter that has such profound implications on every Canadian. I appreciate that "stakeholders" are being consulted directly. But I, along with every other Canadian, am a stakeholder, and I suspect that fewer than 10% of us are even aware that such a dramatic change is being contemplated.

I stand with The Council of Canadians and citizens across the country in saying no to postal deregulation.

Thank you for considering my submission.



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cc Dr. James Lunney, MP