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Dear Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review Secretariat:

I am a resident of Mallorytown located in a rural area of Eastern Ontario, and I am writing to express my concern about the current Canada Post Strategic Review and its possible impact on all Canadians.

My concerns are many, however philosophically I ask you do we want a Canada Post, which focuses on business acumen and profit or one, which focuses on humankind and social responsibility? Personally, I was privileged to be a part of the Canada Post initiative some years ago which encouraged literacy for all Canadians, this is the type of Canadian Institution Canadians need not one which focuses on the bottom line.

However, I do believe in the benefits of periodic reviews and consistency with social responsibility. Consider: What deregulation, privatization and funding reductions have done for Canadians, Walkerton and listeria come to mind. My question is would a deregulated Canada Post even consider supporting a literacy campaign and the impact on Canadians? I think not. Unfortunately it is difficult to measure the things Canada Post gives us such as: reliability, security, dependability, equality of communication for all.

It would seem that privatization and deregulation would bring increased profit, and thus a better economy, to our country. However, consider what social concern and welfare for citizens bring to a country.

My challenge to you is to reflect on what changes and improvements a new Canada Post could bring to Canadians. Consider a Canada Post that not only offers exceptional mail services of the traditional kind but one, which offers all communication services. Many Canadians do not have available to them services and resources to access email, text messaging, high speed internet, etc. Imagine a Canada where these services are safe, secure, reliable, inexpensive and available to all via a modern Canada Post.

Are these tradeoffs that we really want to make? I am looking forward to a Canada Post, which will take Canadians forward.

Sincerely,

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