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Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to state our strong support for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the federal government's review of our postal system. We base our position on the following indisputable facts.

1. Postal deregulation in other countries has led to fewer jobs, inferior customer service, and higher postal rates, particularly for individuals and small businesses.
2. An independent review of the UK's deregulated postal service showed that "there have been no significant benefits from liberalization for smaller businesses and domestic consumers."
3. There is no long term experience globally with postal deregulation. It is therefore politic to await the outcome in other countries already deregulated before making any irrevocable change in Canada.
4. In other countries, deregulation has to date not benefited the public, with standard postage rates increasing much faster than here in Canada. Also, the resulting competition has caused falling mail volumes and revenues, with inevitable risks to cost containment and quality of service.
5. Canada currently has one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world, with services that are universal as well as affordable. This is a considerable achievement in the world's second largest country, yet one with such a relatively low population.

If deregulation goes ahead in Canada, our federal government will have fallen into one of the oldest traps in the world: trying to fix something that doesn't need fixing. Hands off our post office!

We thank you for your continued attention to our national interests.

Yours sincerely,


John Graham-Pole and Dorothy Lander