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Dear Committee Members,

There are a few issues to be commented on regarding the Canada Post Strategic Review. Firstly, the lack of public consultation on a matter that so concerns every citizen of Canada really puts forward the question of whose interests are being served by this review. Open, transparent process would instil confidence however this type of process only causes suspicion and distrust in a public system.

Secondly, those of us who live in remote areas of Canada depend on the Canadian Postal System and do not want to see it deregulated or put out for public bids. We have no doubt that it would cause deterioration in the level of service and increase the costs of any such service. In the north our cost of living is high already; the cost of a private mail system could cripple many families who are just making it now. Canada Post knows the logistical requirements of providing a service to remote areas and does a fine job. Please do not jeopardize access to such service.

Prime Minister Harper was in the north last week. He has allocated extra funds to geosciences and talks about the Mackenzie Gas Project with optimism. It appears that he is interested in the north and our natural resources. It is hard to believe that part of his plan for the north is to remove our access to reasonably priced and reliable postal service.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this process.

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