

Dear advisory panel,

I am writing as a member of the Council of Canadians, I am writing to demand that our public post office not be deregulated and that Canada Post maintain its exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters. As mail user, I am concerned by deregulation. Deregulation elsewhere has not proven to be a good thing for the public. I do not want my mail handled by a largely unaccountable private corporation whose primary function is to make profit, rather than deliver a public service. I am also very concerned that the review of our public post office does not include public hearings. I believe that 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 the submissions. Canada currently has one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world, and our postal services are universal and affordable. This is something to celebrate, not deregulate and dismantle. I await your reply.

Sincerely,

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