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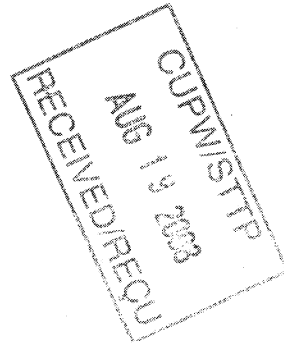
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Lawrence Cannon  
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities  
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**Re: Open letter opposing deregulation of Canada Post**

Dear Minister Cannon,

I write to you today to add my voice with that of the people of Surrey North and Canadians in support for a strong national and public Canada Post system. I have heard from many constituents and agree that we must oppose deregulation and privatization of our postal services.

Currently, Canada Post has the exclusive privilege to handle letters so that it is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal services to everyone. This is affordable to Canadians no matter where they live, be it an urban centre like my riding of Surrey North or a rural or isolated community in Nunavut as I have recently had the opportunity to visit. This exclusive privilege for Canada Post must continue, because all Canadians deserve equal and affordable postal service.

I agree with the current legal mandate of Canada Post, in that Canada Post is to provide basic postal service while improving service, operating on a financially self-sustaining basis and balancing the objectives of the corporation with the needs of its employees.

It is a disappointment to me that the review is not as open and transparent as it could and should be. Public Hearings should have been scheduled for reviewing such an important national service. I would like to see the deadline for submissions extended and to see public hearings scheduled across Canada in both rural and urban settings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information or details about my concerns.

Sincerely,

Penny Priddy  
MP Surrey North