

Dear advisory panel,

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 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. After all, this is our mail you are talking about. 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.

The main concern I have is that you are not allowing a public hearing. Since when did Canada become a Fascist state? Where are our rights to this? Need I remind you that this is our mail you are talking about. Shouldn't the public have our say in something as important as the postal service of the whole country? After all, it completely concerns the people and we will be affected directly by this. It is important that at least we the people have our say in an issue as important as the function of our postal services.

Remember what the conservative ad campaign said? Oh yeah "Stand Up for Canada." That is what the council and I are standing up for, the rights for the government to hear our voice on issues that affect them. How about you do the same?

I await your reply.

Sincerely,

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