

The decision to NOT hold public hearings and consult with Canadians on this very important issue is of great concern to me. The Canadian public has a right to have input on a matter that will have such a huge impact on their postal service.

I fear that the result of this review will be the eventual deregulation of Canada Post. In other countries, deregulation has resulted in a loss of service, closure of post offices, fewer jobs and higher postal rates. Canadians currently have one of the lowest postage rates in the industrial world, which is a direct result of the exclusive privilege of Canada Post. Opening postal services up to free market competition will only hurt small businesses, rural customers and the general public.

Turning our post office into a cash cow for the government of Canada was not the intention when Canada Post became a crown corporation. In the last ten years the Canadian government has taken dividends amounting to \$547,000,000.00. This money would be better spent on services such as door to door delivery, rural delivery and greater access to post offices.

I urge you not to undermine Canada Post's ability to provide quality service to all Canadians. Keep our post office a PUBLIC post office that delivers to it's real owners, the people of Canada.

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