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Canada Post Corporation
Strategic Review
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Dear: Robert Campbell
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My name is Jane Marsh. I am the President of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Toronto Local. The Local represents over 8000 members working in the GTA.

As you know, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has launched a campaign to encourage Members of Parliament, Labour leaders and the public to submit their concerns regarding amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act under Bill C- 14 to the Strategic Review Committee. We have distributed and collected thousands of post cards from the general public who **share in our concerns**.

I am submitting the following submission on behalf of the Toronto Local Executive Committee and our members.

The first concern that we believe must be put forward is the decision to NOT hold public hearings on this very important change. It is the public that will be affected most with the potential increase in postal rates, less service and a serious loss of privacy and security of their mails.

Currently Canada Post generates enough revenue to provide postal service to everyone in Canada. This task is not simple, regulation not only allows for this to happen, it also allows for affordable postal services. In fact Canada Post has a slogan that states " **From anywhere to anyone** ".

The proposed amendment to Bill C-14 would have a domino effect that would touch the lives of every single man, woman and child in this country;

- higher prices in postage
- less service to rural and suburban areas
- effects on the environment with the increase in fossil fuel consumption when two or more vehicles do the job of one.
- potential breach of the privacy and security of our mails
- loss of good jobs
- loss of decent wages, benefits, and working conditions

Canada is already struggling with a workforce known as "the working poor ". Citizens that cannot afford to live on one part time salary and have to hold two or more jobs just to survive on a daily basis. This situation should be corrected not compounded by adding more workers to this group.

Canada is a proud world leader and always has been. We take pride in ourselves as Peace Keepers. We take pride in our Health Care Services. We lead the way on issues of Human Rights. We have one of the best Postal Services in the world. We provide a larger area of service to all our citizens, and provide to all


Canadians affordability and privacy.

"The Post Office" has always belonged to Canadians and to not allow Canadians to have a say in the future of this institution is a shame.

To deregulate this institution is a travesty.

On behalf of the members of the Toronto Local Executive and over 8000 dedicated Postal Workers in the Toronto Local I respectfully submit this letter for your consideration.

Yours Truly


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