

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 continues to maintain its exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters. Deregulation elsewhere has not proven to be a good thing for the public. As mail user, I am very much concerned by deregulation.

Many of my friends live in USA and I notice that it takes between eight to ten days for a letter to get to my home in Thunder Bay. But when I send a letter, it usually takes about six to seven days to arrive there. So our postal service appears to be better, and I want it to remain that way.

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 beyond the Labour Day weekend, when people are only just returning from vacations; this will give many others the much needed time to respond to this most serious event, which is very important to all Canadians.

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 to deregulate and to dismantle.

I await your reply.

Sincerely,

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