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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Sirs:

RE: Opposition to Deregulation of Canada Post

I am writing further to resolution 2008.07.02 passed by the Village of Donalda Council, which resolution expressed our opposition to the "deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public."

Maintaining our rural postal service and local post office is a priority for the Village of Donalda. We believe that the experience of deregulation in other jurisdictions has shown that this path will only degrade the level of service we receive and increase the cost of that degraded service. As well, we believe that Canada Post should not be treated as a 'for profit' corporation that simply enriches shareholders. It should be treated as the valuable public service that it is and its' focus should be on public interest objectives.

Finally, we in Donalda believe in public consultation and transparency in decision making. Any review of our public post office should include **public** hearings. No decisions should be made by the federal government until it has properly consulted the public. We also believe this should include extending the deadline for submitting written submissions as the period presently allowed for doing so is inadequate.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Nordahl".

Terry Nordahl
Mayor, Village of Donalda