

Dr. Campbell:

Several members of my family have lived in many provinces, states, and regions around the world. We know only too well what the positive and negative effects of deregulation will bring. The positives are very minimal while the negative effects are vast and long lasting. There will be less, slower and deteriorated services to the Canadian public. There may or may not be daily services and if your community is too small, you will have to travel greater distances just to get or send your mail. Our seniors and rural communities will be affected the most and it will be very negative on them. With the vast space and drawn out locations of our people, it will be in short, disastrous. Remember, as with any private company the bottom line PROFIT is in the end all that really counts. Canada Post Corporation is supposed to be a service for all Canadians from coast to coast to coast regardless of our economic standing, not just the wealthy. One of my concerns is this will be the end of CPC exclusive rights. Advisory Panels website states universal services is a priority, but they leave out the word "exclusive". This is a major error. If allowed, other organizations could provide mail services only in urban centers. This will have a major effect on rural communities. This could mean delivery every 2 or 3 days. A private company would not consider this a priority because this would affect the bottom line.

Another concern is the Seniors. They will be the hardest hit if we loose rural post offices and delivery. They might not have the ability to drive to town to receive or send mail. Regulated rights have always been less than countries with deregulated rights and services. This is just another blow to seniors and families with low income.

Last but certainly not least, why the urgency and secrecy? There are no plans for public hearings, the deadline is September 2, 2008. And after that the Review Advisory Panel must have their findings to the Government by December 2008. This process should be open to all Canadians. It is OUR Post Office, the Canadian people, not just the chosen few. So please, please do not deregulate our post offices. Leave CPC as it is, a crown corporation, with exclusive rights and priviledges. First to serve the Canadian people and not focus on sheer profit.

Thank you,

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