

Dear Review Panel,

I am writing to express concern about the rumours regarding the end of rural mail delivery. I do hope that this is just a rumour because rural mail delivery has always been a link and a lifeline for many Canadians who live in rural Canada.

With the advent of the internet, I am sure that Canada Post may feel that mail delivery may no longer be necessary. I, for one, do not have high speed internet, all my bills are paid the old fashioned way, by cheque by regular mail. It takes so long for my computer to download and dial up that I would rather write a cheque and walk to the mailbox. Many of my neighbours are seniors who rely on the mail and in fact, look forward to any mail that they receive. Many of them do not have the ability or money to get a computer and hook up to the internet and many do not even drive! To lose their rural mail delivery would further isolate them.

Rural Mail Delivery and Canada Post have long been a universal Canadian institution, with committed employees and a service second to none! My mother delivered rural mail for over 35 years and was so committed that she climbed up snow banks and walked to clients doors rather than neglect the delivery of their much anticipated mail. I don't know about you, but I love to hold a card or a letter in my hand and read the sentiments and know that the person on the other end held that same piece of paper.

I ask and urge Canada Post to maintain its exclusive privilege for letter mail, and continue to provide rural Canadians with a service they deserve. Do not add the deregulation of Canada Post to the long list of services we are losing.

Sincerely,

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