

I am writing to you to urge you to retain our universal postal service. Canada Post should retain exclusive privilege for letter mail and all business it currently is involved in. That is to say no deregulation of any kind. One has only to look at New Zealand and Sweden to see the results of deregulation : reduced service, higher rates for the public and business and thousands of job losses. In a country the size of Canada the effect would even be greater. Do not the people living in the rural and northern areas deserve the same price and service as the urban areas? In an Angus Reid poll over 90% of those polled said that universal price and service is one of the terrific things about Canada Post. According to another recent poll Canada Post is the most trusted government institution. For the past 12 years Canada Post has made a profit and paid 100's of millions in taxes and dividends to the government while providing great service at one of the lowest rates in the world {not an easy task in these days of rising energy costs} . At this time Canada Post is modernizing sortation plants and fleets. If deregulation is allowed where will the revenue come from? Do we benefit a handful of private companies at the expense of the public and the business community? It is a pity that public hearing were not scheduled but that is beyond your control. I urge you to have an open mind during this review and remember the greater good of the country.

Thank you.

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