

To Mr. Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party of Canada Post

First let us start by saying, “keep your hands off our post office!” The Canada Post Corporation is a healthy organization that creates surplus revenue every year. This money should be dumped back into the company to improve and expand services and create good middle class jobs for communities across the country. A universal and affordable postal service is of the utmost importance in any democratic country that places people before profit.

We know that deregulation will eventually lead to privatization and that you desire to line the pockets of your corporate buddies with the public’s money. Does the current government care more about power and money than democracy? After all there were no public hearings about this strategic review. Despite what you and the Advisory Panel of the Strategic Review Committee might think, most notably Robert Campbell, the private sector will not improve postal services; they will merely siphon profits from the public, cut out the poor, decrease wages, and top up the bank accounts of shareholders and ranking bureaucrats.

To throw you a bone, I also understand the pressures placed upon any government by trade organizations like the WTO and treaties like the General Agreement on Trade and Services and NAFTA. I urge you to resist these and remain sovereign, we should trade with other nations, but not by the rules set by large corporations like FED EX or UPS or the most powerful nations, but by a strong morality rooted in the desire to connect with and aid fellow human beings.

To get back to the main point, keep the postal monopoly. Our rural and Northern communities need low postage rates and increased subsidies for food deliveries. Our country needs good jobs, our democratic system requires communication and transparency, our economy should be founded on strong public institutions. Remember the citizenry matters, all of us.

Sincerely,

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