

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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Dear Canada Post:

Re: Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review

I was shocked to see that the Federal Government is looking at the question: **should our public Post Office continue to have exclusive privilege to handle letters?**

Why? Why is the Federal Government looking at this? Saving some money? Where?

It says in the heading that delivery letters is an exclusive privilege. And that's right, it is a privilege for and by the people in Canada. Why even think of giving such a privilege away?

Would taking this privilege from a public corporation and giving it away to private businesses not be something like saving money to pay Peter but robbing Paul? Paying Peter, meaning paying (a profit to) private investors, and robbing Paul, meaning taking away universal mail delivery to everywhere in Canada, with the outcome of making life more expensive for people in Canada, particularly people living in the north and in rural areas?

Universal mail delivery is a wonderful public service **for and by** the people of Canada.

Private mail delivery will result in no delivery to, or delivery at a high price, outside urban areas. It will result in fewer well-paid jobs, in fewer jobs with good benefits, it will result in less money spent in Canada.

It will result in profits paid to investors, who may not even live in Canada! Profits for the few at the expense of all people in Canada. The expense being loss of jobs, loss of spending power, less services at higher prices, less pride in jobs. It will put extra stress on populations having to find out where the 'best' service is.

Change may be good but only when it is for the better

A service industry like Canada Post owned by all people of Canada should not be given away.



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