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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review  
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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RE: Deregulation

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter to express our strong opposition to any deregulation of our public postal system. Our public postal service is part of the very foundation that our country was built on. Much like universal health care, it is a system which Canadians have come to rely on and are very proud of. The current regulations exist so that Canada Post has an exclusive privilege to handle letters so that it is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal service to everyone, no matter where they live. Our Country is one of the largest in the world. It requires a postal system that addresses our entire citizen's needs, not just those residing in urban centers. The fact that the government is not holding public hearings and is proceeding at a fast pace without the public's input is also of great concern.

Rural areas such as ours rely heavily on mail delivery. Deregulation would have a negative impact by allowing private sector competitors to focus on highly populated areas of the country, leaving Canada Post to provide service to the rural, less profitable areas. This could be the end of Canada Post as we know it. Postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, loss of jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

We would also encourage the Government to discontinue the practice of removing money obtained from the postal service and begin reinvested it back into Canada Post including the expansion of rural delivery routes.

The existing regulations exist for a reason. We strongly encourage the Government to refrain from deregulation.

Yours truly,

Mayor Scott Nelson

cc: Council  
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