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Dear Sir or Madam,

Recent information has come to my attention which leaves me absolutely appalled

Primarily, it concerns the Federal Government's universal review of public postal services. I understand it supports the closure of many rural post offices. I question the validity of such a move.

Not all people have access to e-mail or computers, particularly the older generation who have not had to learn the modern form of instant communication. Speaking as a senior, the post office service in our town is our main source of outside communication. The Government seems ignorant of the fact that many seniors live on pensions alone and without mail contact, increasing travel costs by car, bus or airplane to visit family and friends will become an impossibility. Too many of us rely on magazines, books, and special parcels we receive through the mail.

In spite of increasing cost of stamps, I like the idea that our mail is secure, is reasonable in price, regular and delivered to every one at a single price. I pose the question.... Why is the Federal Government trying to fix something that isn't broken?

Furthermore I read that the Government is conducting this speedy review without public hearings. In a democracy, like Canada, is this any way to decide the fate of our publicly-owned postal service?

May I remind you that the last time the Conservatives were in office, they closed about 1500 rural post offices before public outrage and an election defeat. ! Sometimes, lightning does strike twice !

Respectfully submitted,



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