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Attn: Mary Lou Woodfield, Education/Organizational Officer

Re: Universal Public Postal Service

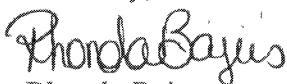
Dear Ms. Woodfield,

Please be advised that at the last regular council meeting of the RM of Archie held on July 22nd, 2008 Council passed a resolution to help support our local post office. Without our local post office in McAuley, Manitoba we would have to drive 25 minutes to the next closest town just to get our mail. This would put a damper on businesses as most businesses here are just a one person operation and to close down for an hour just to get the mail in un-economical.

Our local post office is the hub of our community and without it we would have a hard time existing. It would put a crunch on our economic growth as we have already lost our school. By privatizing our post offices as well we will run into the same problems that we have in Manitoba with our phone company going private and now the costs have sky rocketed and there is nothing anyone can do about it as it is our only service. This places immense pressure on those lower income families to have this line of communication and now the Federal government may be taking away another line of communication.

Please forward this letter to the Strategic Review Board for their review. I have also attached a certified copy of the resolution passed by Council to this letter. The RM of Archie in McAuley, Manitoba once again FULLY supports keeping our universal public postal system that exists today as is. Please keep our small town post offices alive and economical.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION

RM of Archie

No. 4

Moved by Councillor: Ray

Seconded by Councillor: Robbie

July 22nd, 2008

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters);

WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service – the exclusive;

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses;

WHEREAS the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office – the public;

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Archie send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public.

This photocopy conforms to the original document and has not been altered in any way.
Dated: 18th August 2008.

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