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The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, MP
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
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Dear Minister,

I have enclosed letters from three local presidents of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW). In their correspondence they outline some major concerns in regard to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR).

Mr. Peter Hawkins, president of the Castlegar CUPW local, is concerned that the direction taken by Canada Post could take the same path as he has personally witnessed in the UK. According to Mr. Hawkins, outlying post offices in that country have been closed or will be closed in the near future, reducing service to many communities.

According to Mr. Bruce Northcott, president of CUPW Local 790 (Nelson), the postal review provides a chance to have a very positive effect on the environment and our citizens by increasing the number of foot-bound letter carriers in rural communities.

In his letter to me, the president of the CUPW Trail local, Mr. Ed Evans, states that it is the post office's exclusive privilege on letters that allows it to generate enough revenue to provide universal postal service. Should deregulation take place, the small-town post offices will be the first ones hit. Thousands of jobs will be lost and local business will be affected.

Mr. Marinus Van Uden, president of the Penticton local of the CUPW is concerned that Canada Post is not conducting public hearings as part of the review.

Minister, I would like to urge you to support CUPW's vision of a modern post office that includes:

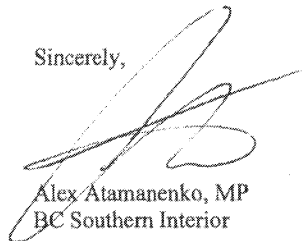
- remaining a publicly owned enterprise, responsible to Parliament and the public;



- providing employees with safe, unionized jobs that have fair wages and good working conditions; and
- maximizing environmentally friendly practices.

Canadians deserve to have a strong, publicly owned post office that can ensure a safe, responsible, accessible and confidential postal service. Citizens deserve an opportunity to comment more fully on the future of this crucial public service.

Sincerely,



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