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Dear D. McKay:

Thank you for your letter outlining your concerns with the government's approval of Canada Post's plan to end door-to-door delivery and increase stamp prices.

The root issue behind the Liberal Party's concern over these announcements lies in Canada Post – in conjunction with our government – spurning the usual collaborative and consultative approach Canadians expect from our crown corporations. As you correctly observed, the elimination of door-to-door mail delivery is bound to have an impact on vulnerable people – most significantly, seniors and those with disabilities. Nevertheless, the Council of Canadians with Disabilities was never consulted during the policy process. Likewise, the small business community was blindsided by the increased stamp prices.

Despite the myriad potential concerns over Canada Post's proposed five-point plan to control spending, the Conservative government gave their stamp of approval immediately upon receiving it. Given the evident disagreements between labour and management over these policies, as well as the lack of consultations with organizations representing affected demographics, a more prudent government would have called for a re-analysis and taken their time to consider the concerns of Canadians.

In response, the Liberal Party has submitted a number of Access to Information requests and order paper questions to acquire a broader understanding of the thought process behind these decisions. On behalf of the Liberal Party, my colleague David McGuinty has also met with the Parliamentary Budget Officer to request an investigation into the government's claims that these changes will amount to greater savings or better fiscal probity for the Canada Post corporation.





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Once again, thank you for writing to me on this topic. I appreciate your concerns, and if you have any further questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely

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