



**CONSEIL DU TRAVAIL DE BATHURST  
BATHURST & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL**

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March 5, 2014

The Honourable Lisa Ratite  
Minister responsible for Canada Post  
Place de Ville, Tower C 29th Floor  
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

Minister Ratite,

I am writing on behalf of the Bathurst and District Labour . We represent over 2000 members and 19 difference local union in Bathurst and the surrounding area. We would like to express our opposition to the cuts of union door-to-door mail delivery by Canada. We view this move by your government as more than just cuts in door to door service. In our opinion we these cuts are s not only cuts to good paying unionized jobs but also as cuts to an important service to all Canadians. Furthermore these cuts will also have a negative impact on our future generations of Canadians

These cuts are only a few of the many cut that your Government have imposed on the services provided to Canadians. We believe that these cuts to Canada Post are only one piece in the Government overall strategy to eliminate many other services that Canadian depend on and need. We are also witnessing cut and layoff to other public service employees who are also provide important and necessary services to Canadians

Because of the numerous free trade deal that your Government have negotiated , we believe that there is an ideology by your government that profits in services provided by governments are more important than providing the actual services. The approach and direction that your Government is taking towards our public service employees who deliver our Public services, and our social programs (including our Medicare plan) is destroying the social fabric that makes this country great and Canadians proud to be a Canadian.

In our opinion, asking seniors or people with reduced mobility to walk a distance in freezing rain, ice and snow, as it a common factor in our northern country, does not constitute consideration for the security of mail collection. Furthermore, Canada will become the only country in the G7 not to have door-to-door mail delivery.

We are also very concern over the loss of good paying jobs in our communities and what affect it Will have on local economies. As you pointed out in the House of Commons on June 23, 2011: *"Canada Post is one of Canada's largest corporations and delivers a service that many Canadians count on. It supports 70 000 full-time and part-time employees and contributes \$6.6 billion to our country's GDP. A reliable postal service without interruption is an important part of what keeps our economy running smoothly."* Canada Post must continue to be a service that Canadians can count on and must continue to contribute to the Canadian economy. How is this possible with the loss of 8000 good paying jobs?

The Bathurst and District Labour Council strongly support a universal public postal service that all Canadians can rely on wherever they live. Because Canada Post is a crown corporation and solely owned by the Federal Government, we are calling on your government to reverse these cuts and consider other options.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Gagnon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Gagnon

President of the Bathurst and District Labour Council

C.C. Denis Lomeli, National President – CUPW  
Jeff Callaghan, National Director Atlantic Region – CUPW