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January 29, 2014

Hon. Lisa Raitt
House of Commons
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Dear Minister Raitt:

At our General membership meeting of January 14, 2014, the Durham Region Labour Council passed a motion that calls on the government to halt downsizing and downgrading any post office in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

We ask you, as the Minister responsible for Canada Post, to ensure that door-to-door delivery is kept and expanded and consultations be held with the public on major changes to public postal service.

The motion passed by the Durham Region Labour Council is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Freeman'.

Jim Freeman, President
Durham Region Labour Council

cc: ✓ Denis Lemelin, President Canadian Union of Postal Workers
Erin O'Toole, MP Durham
Chris Alexander, MP Ajax Pickering
Colin Carrie, MP Oshawa
Jim Flaherty, MP Whitby-Oshawa
Claude Dauphin, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

ELIMINATION OF DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY

WHEREAS Canada Post announced on December 11, 2013 that it plans to convert all door-to-door delivery to community mailbox (CMB) delivery;

WHEREAS community mailboxes are susceptible to vandalism, and have additional problems in terms of safety, accessibility, litter, snow build-up and the environment;

WHEREAS going to CMB delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people with disabilities and could undermine their ability to live independently and their health and safety;

WHEREAS door-to-door delivery helps build strong communities by providing a service that supports local businesses and residents;

WHEREAS there has been very little consultation over this major change in mail delivery;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham Region Labour Council send a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that:

- 1) informs the Minister that the Durham Region Labour Council wants to keep and expand door-to-door delivery
- 2) requests that the government consult with Canadians about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make major changes to public postal service.



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Dear Minister Raitt:

At our General membership meeting of January 14, 2014, the Durham Region Labour Council passed a motion that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post.

We ask you, as the Minister responsible for Canada Post, that the changes to service be reversed and that there be a focus on increasing revenue and services.

The motion passed by the Durham Region Labour Council is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Freeman".

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Durham Region Labour Council

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SAVE CANADA POST - STOP THE CUTS

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services - killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, closing post offices and drastically increasing postage rates;

WHEREAS 6,000 to 8,000 postal jobs will be destroyed and five million households will lose door-to-door delivery over the next five years;

WHEREAS these cuts will hurt seniors and people with disabilities in particular;

WHEREAS Canada Post barely held any consultations, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Durham Region Labour Council write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.