

Office of the Clerk

February 27, 2014

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport Place de Ville Tower C, 29th floor 330 Sparks Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Elimination of Door-to-Door Postal Delivery

Enclosed please find a letter from the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Board of Management in opposition to the elimination of door-to-door postal delivery.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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The Honourable Rob Nicholson, MP, Minister of National Defence D Lemelin, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

J. Young, President Local 536, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

D. Dea, Chair, Ridgeway BIA

RIDGEWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Tuesday February 4, 2014.

Lisa Raitt Minister of Transport Place de Ville Tower C, 29th Floor 330 Sparks Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Raitt,

We are writing to ask that you do not support the Canada Post plans to privatize more post offices, hike postage rates to unaffordable levels for charities, small businesses and others, and make our country the first in the world to eliminate door-to-door delivery.

It is unrealistic to us that such major cuts to our public postal service are being pursued without proper public consultation. The public owns Canada Post. We are the tax payers of this country and we have a right to input intelligent constructive thoughts.

The seniors especially and the rest of the taxpaying people of our country deserve so much better than what is being proposed by Canada Post.

We feel the government should exercise their authority and postpone Canada Post's plans at this time and use the Charter review to consult with the public and others with regard to what kind of service is needed for Canada.

Enclosed please find a resolution carried by the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area at our last board meeting, held on February 4, 2014.

The undersigned would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Derrick Dea Chair, Ridgeway Business Improvement Area,

RIDGEWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Executive Board and Membership

Be it resolved that the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls for the Government of Canada to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas that will produce the desired results for all.

Motion was put on the floor, 2nded and carried by majority of the board.

Cc:

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