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CUPW, National President Denis Lemelin
377 Bank St.
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January 7th 2014

Dear Mr. Lemelin,

Thank you for taking the time to write to my office with your concerns about the recently proposed changes by Canada Post and the 2014 Canadian Postal Service Charter Review.

I have deep concerns about the plan to eliminate home delivery, cut rural post office hours, drastically increase postage rates and kill thousands of good quality jobs. In doing so, Canada would become the first G20 country to eliminate home mail delivery. Instead of looking for ways to modernize operations, Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to them.

I am also very concerned about the so-called "consultation" process that was undertaken by Canada Post. They did not consult adequately with municipalities, seniors or people who would be affected. This on-line and by invitation-only discussions do not suffice for giving Canada Post a mandate to undertake such drastic and unnecessary actions.

Let's remember that the Crown Corporation made a \$1.7 billion profit over 15 years prior to 2011. It has been profitable nearly every year since. New Democrats support modernizing the postal service but we do not support this plan to attack the very foundations of postal service in Canada. I encourage you, CUPW and your municipalities to get active in the fight to ensure quality postal service for the coming years.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "C Angus".

Charlie Angus
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