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Denis Lemelin
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Dear Mr. Lemelin,

As the Member of Parliament for Davenport, I share your concerns about Canada Post implementing severe service cuts instead of considering new ways to generate new revenue.

On December 11, 2013, Canada Post announced major service cuts that will affect how Canadians send and receive their mail. These cuts include eliminating home delivery, reducing rural post office hours, drastically increasing postage rates, and killing thousands of good quality jobs.

These cuts would make Canada the first G20 country to eliminate home delivery. And we all know that raising prices and eliminating services will only serve to push more customers away.

Since these cuts were announced, I have heard from many constituents who are very upset about these cuts. I am too. My New Democratic colleagues and I believe a reliable and accessible mail delivery is vital to Canadians. Canada Post has provided critical and essential services for over a century. We should be looking for ways to modernize operations but instead the Conservative Government is taking an axe to our long-treasured postal service.

I believe that a responsible government would consider a range of solutions to improve services and attract new customers, through innovations such as e-commerce and financial services. Postal banks have been very successful in countries including Switzerland and New Zealand. Instituting postal banking would also make financial services more accessible in our most remote communities.

That is why I'm calling on the Federal Government to stop these devastating cuts and consider alternatives including the concept of postal banking as recommended by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cash