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Honourable Carla Qualtrough  
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Dear Minister Qualtrough:

Subject: Future of Canada Post

The review of Canada Post has now been completed and the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) has tabled its 45 recommendations. On January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, you announced the government's vision for renewal at Canada Post. Your announcement partly answered some of the recommendations of OGGO, but left many others unanswered. (WRITE IN THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR OF THE ORGANIZATION) would like to provide its views on the recommendations tabled by the Parliamentary Committee.

We are pleased that your government followed the recommendation of the Committee by terminating Canada Post's program of converting door-to-door delivery to community mailboxes. **However, we are asking you to apply this measure to all the households who lost door-to-door delivery, as promised by Liberal MPs.**

Here are some of the Committee's recommendations that, we hope, will be among those your Government will be applying:

- Maintain the moratorium on post office closures and examine how to expand their opening hours;
- Assess how Canada Post could offer more services through its existing retail network;
- Study how to transform post offices into community hubs;
- Study the possibility of using Canada Post to offer wide band Internet services and better cellular phone services in rural areas;
- Develop a specific and rigorous process for collaboration between Canada Post and municipalities.

Surprisingly, even though more than 900 municipalities as well as many organizations adopted resolutions in favour of postal banking services, we have noticed a total lack of reflection and

instructions on this matter in the Parliamentary Committee's report. We would like the Government to seriously study the possibility of offering such services and give a clear mandate to Canada Post to implement it.

We believe that these proposals represent an excellent opportunity to expand the mandate of the Corporation and thereby develop new services that would better respond to citizens' needs and that would reflect what a 21<sup>st</sup> century post office should look like.

(WRITE IN THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR OF THE ORGANIZATION) is also concerned with (INDICATE THE OTHER CONCERNS OF YOUR MUNICIPALITY OR ORGANIZATION, IF APPLICABLE).

We hope you will take our concerns into consideration in drafting your recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

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