

“Keep the  beating in Rural Canada”

Dear Member of Parliament,

Re: Bill C-14 (amendment to the Canada Post Corporation Act)

On October 29, 2007, the federal government introduced Bill C-14 to amend the **Canada Post Corporation Act**. Bill C-14 excludes international letters from the current exclusive privilege to deliver letters.

I strongly oppose Bill C-14! Canada Post has an exclusive privilege to collect, transmit and deliver letters, including international letters, in order to finance the post office’s **universal service obligation**. The corporation’s exclusive privilege and universal service obligation should be considered together. The privilege allows the post office to carry out its mandate while remaining financially sustainable. The government should not consider such a major change without a proper and public review.

Canadians enjoy one of the lowest standard letter rates in the industrialized world. Our postal services are universal and affordable, not a small feat for one of the largest country in the world. I believe it will become increasingly difficult for our public postal office to provide affordable service to all Canadians, including those living in rural or remote areas of Canada, if our own government erodes the exclusive privilege – the very mechanism that funds universal postal service. Please oppose Bill C-14.

Yours truly,

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