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Dear E.L. Blois:

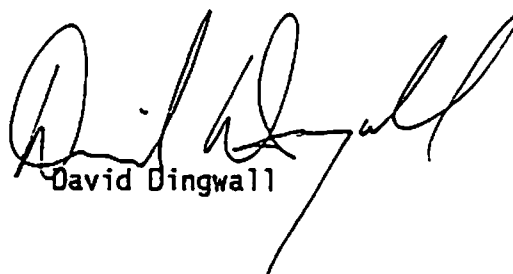
I am writing in response to your letters of January 5, 6 and 9 expressing concern about Canada Post's presence in rural communities.

I am pleased to report that, on February 17, following three months of consultations with executives at Canada Post, labour leaders and various community groups, I announced an indefinite moratorium on rural and small-town post office closures and conversions in Canada. Furthermore, proposed closures in large urban centres will be subject to a new consultation process, in conjunction with the Postal Service Customer Councils.

While Canada Post will not be re-opening those offices that have already been closed or converted, this government will work closely with the Corporation to ensure that it remains a financially viable presence throughout Canada.

Thank you for providing me an opportunity to clarify our position on this issue.

Yours sincerely,



David Dingwall