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Dear E.L. Blois:

Thank you for your most recent correspondence.

For the past nine years, the Liberal Party has vigorously spoken out against Canada Post's plans to close or convert existing post offices. We view the closures or conversions as a deterioration of service to the public. Time and time again, Liberals warned the Conservative government that the policies implemented by Canada Post would result in poorer service, lower wages for employees and greater difficulty in guaranteeing the security of the mail.

The Liberal Party believes that Canada Post should remain a Crown Corporation. In our view, postal service is an important public service and Canada Post should focus on equitably providing services in both rural and urban areas. The increase in the number of rural areas receiving second-class postal service must end.

A Liberal government would support a moratorium on future closings until a complete review of postal services is undertaken. And, resources permitting, we would consider the reopening of some post offices that have been closed. Copies of several informative press releases by Jerry Pickard, Liberal Critic for Canada Post, expressing our Party's concerns are enclosed.

I appreciate your taking the time to bring the concerns of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association to my attention.

Sincerely,

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