



The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

Since the decision to cut home delivery, I have heard from thousands of Canadians concerned that the decision to phase out home delivery signals a step backwards in the relationship of Canada Post to Canadians. Ending home delivery is an enormously damaging change in the way our country functions. The harm will be irreversible.

Many of the people who shared their views with me are concerned that this decision will disproportionately affect the elderly and Canadians living with disabilities, for whom home delivery of letters and parcels provides a critical link. Walking or driving to a community mailbox is a luxury not every Canadian can afford. Canada Post claims to be listening to Canadians. I've yet to hear anyone tell me that they no longer want letters delivered to their homes.

I understand the practical considerations. But we should not give up on a system that has worked since Confederation without first thinking about innovation. I have called on Canada Post's leadership to explore other options for growth and innovation. These options could include an expansion of postal banking services, which would be of particular benefit to small and rural communities.

Ending home delivery is a significant break from the past. Canadians have a right to have their say on the way they get their mail. We are, therefore, calling on Canada Post and your Government to stop the cuts until such time as Canadians have had an opportunity to vote on your plan to end home delivery.

Canada Post belongs to all Canadians. It is Canadians who should decide its future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth May", written in a cursive style.

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