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Dear Mr. Denis Lemelin,

On behalf of the Public Service Alliance of Canada local 901 executive, I write to offer our active support for members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), and all employees at the Canada Post Corporation, who's livelihoods are threatened by the company's decision to end home mail delivery. If Canada Post proceeds with the plans, the impact will be felt most harshly by people with young children, the disabled, and the elderly, especially during the winter. Over five million Canadians still rely on home delivery and the anticipated job losses at Canada Post will undoubtedly be followed by serious economic consequences.

Less than three years ago, the federal government legislated an end to a work stoppage at Canada Post using the rationale that the services provided by the publicly-owned company, and its workers, are essential. Now, over 8,000 jobs are on the line and increased postage rates make the service even less accessible. Instead of looking to new opportunities for one of Canada's most important Crown corporations, like expansion into banking and financial services as proposed by CUPW, Canada Post CEO, Deepak Chopra, has instead focused on downsizing and price increases in lieu of innovation.

The growth of e-commerce and a number of other technical and economic developments provides an opportunity for the government, Canada Post, and CUPW to work together to face the future. Most importantly, whatever changes are instituted at Canada Post, they must be committed to maintaining a high quality, efficient, **and publicly owned** utility mandated to provide an accessible and universal service.

We know that the rich history of CUPW and its membership is equipped to deal with these challenges. PSAC 901, which represents over 1,400 teaching assistants, teaching fellows, and post-doctoral fellows at the University of Regina, stands with you in the fight for affordable and accessible public services.

In Solidarity,

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