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Mrs. Moya Greene
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Madam:

It is with dismay that my colleagues from the Quebec caucus and I have learned of Canada Post's intent to close the mail processing plant located on St. Paul St. This closure will result in the loss of 300 full-time jobs and more than 150 part-time jobs. This is a serious loss for Quebec City and the surrounding area. Not only will this weaken the economic fabric of the region, but also undoubtedly affect postal services provided to businesses and residents. In today's climate where regions and large cities compete to attract investments that promote growth, and where the speed of communications is crucial to attracting these investments, this closure could have an even bigger impact on the economy of the greater Quebec City area.

That is why, as a resident of Quebec City and chair of the Conservative Quebec caucus, I am expressing my concerns and voicing my opposition to this decision that will impact too many families. Beyond the cold rationalization that often governs the decision-making process in such matters, I would like to point out that Quebec City is the capital of the largest province in the country and that its importance in terms of population makes it one of the major urban centres in Canada.

I believe the citizens of Quebec City have suffered enough in recent years from the loss of federal services in our region and I am asking you to reconsider this decision in the best interest of the people of Quebec City.

I remain confident that a positive solution can be found in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Josée Verner

Chair of the Quebec caucus
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