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LEADER OF THE BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

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The Honourable John McCallum  
Minister of National Revenue  
Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation  
House of Commons  
Suite 110, Justice Building  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Sir:

As you know, an increasing number of Quebecers are opposed to the closure of the Canada Post Mail Processing Plant in Quebec City.

The public outcry from all regions of the province of Quebec should motivate you to review Canada Post's decision, the basis of which seems to us to be questionable, to say the least.

In our opinion, Canada Post cannot justify eliminating hundreds of jobs and closing the Quebec capital's Mail Processing Plant, or centralizing operations in Montreal.

This transfer would result in the loss of more than 300 well-paid jobs in the Quebec City area. How can anyone believe that this job loss, which represents an annual loss of more than \$12 million in total payroll, will have no economic impact on Quebec City and its surrounding area?

That is why I am asking you, on behalf of the taxpayers in Quebec's capital who want to preserve Canada Post's economic contribution to their region, to stop the closure process at the Quebec City Mail Processing Plant until the crown corporation can provide an overall restructuring plan.

For the time being, we believe there is a viable alternative that guarantees operations can be maintained at the Quebec City Mail Processing Plant. My colleague, Quebec City MP Christiane Gagnon, recently submitted this alternative to you. It involves taking advantage of the refitting of the Parcel Pick-Up and Distribution Centre in the Métrobec

industrial park, in 2006, to integrate mail-processing operations in that facility, as was considered earlier.

I am asking you to give the utmost consideration to this alternative and to agree to this request, made not only by the Bloc Québécois, but also by tens of thousands of Quebecers, including many political and economic stakeholders from the Quebec City area, who are condemning Canada Post's decision.

Sincerely yours,

Gilles Duceppe  
Leader of the Bloc Québécois

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