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Ms. Deborah Bourque
National President
Canadian Union of Postal Workers
377 Bank Street
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Dear Ms. Bourque:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 20, 2006, to the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation, regarding Canada Post's exclusive privilege for the delivery of letters. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The Minister appreciates that Canada Post's exclusive privilege for the delivery of letters provides Canadians with equal access to national postal services at a universal postal rate. Although it is more costly to transport a letter across the country than it is to transport it across a city, the privilege ensures that the price of a letter is the same across the country, regardless of distance or the size of the community served.

Canada Post's defense of its exclusive privilege for the delivery of letters against the claims made by international remailers is a complex issue. The Minister has therefore initiated a review of the issue in order to clarify the options available.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Terrien".

Paul Terrien
Chief of Staff