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Mr. Denis Lemelin  
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Canadian Union of Postal Workers  
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Dear Mr. Lemelin:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of December 10 and 11, 2008, concerning privatization of the Canada Post Corporation (CPC). The office of the Honourable Lawrence Cannon has also forwarded to me a copy of your letter of December 11, 2008, on this same subject.

As you know, the Government of Canada believes that CPC should remain a Crown corporation. This will ensure that CPC is well positioned to meet its public policy obligations while providing Canadians with valuable mail services. This was the first of four guiding principles central to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review Advisory Panel's work in 2008.

The purpose of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review was to examine CPC's public policy objectives and ability to remain financially self-sustaining, and to determine the continued relevancy of the 1998 Multi-Year Framework. The Terms of Reference for this review did not include an assessment of CPC's assets.

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I trust that the foregoing has clarified this matter. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Merrifield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Hon. Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P.