

# Hey Harper - Hands off my post office!

Last year, the federal government conducted a very quick and quiet review of our post office called the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR). The government did not hold public hearings during the CPCSR and is not consulting with the public on CPCSR report recommendations.

The CPCSR report, which was released in April 2009, recommended against postal deregulation, but with the exception that international letters be removed from Canada Post's exclusive privilege to handle letters. The government accepted this recommendation in June 2009 when it introduced Bill C-44.

The report also recommended that Canada Post's universal service obligation be defined in a clear 'contract' or 'service charter' between the Government of Canada and Canada Post to clarify expectations and responsibilities relating to service.



## What can you do?

**1) Write to Rob Merrifield, minister responsible for Canada Post and request that the government consult with the public on the Canadian Postal Service Charter (no postage necessary). Minister Merrifield's address is Place de Ville, Tower C, 29th Floor, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N5.**

**2) Send CUPW's letter on Bill C-44 to your member of Parliament (MP). You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by calling 1-800-463-6868 (at no charge) or by going to the Parliament of Canada website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=E>**

**3) Find out more by going to <http://www.cupw-sttp.org>**

In September 2009, the government announced a very short and somewhat vague Canadian Postal Service Charter.

A Service Charter *should* be based on public consultations. The government has not consulted with people on its Charter.

Canada Post belongs to all of us. We have a right to have a say in fundamental issues like a Service Charter and postal deregulation.

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