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Thank you for taking the time to write to my office with your concerns about the recently proposed decision by Canada Post to move mail processing to Toronto and to your council for passing the resolution put forward by Hearst. I have written the attached letter to Canada Post, expressing my concerns.

The decision to move processing for mail from local communities such as Matheson, to Toronto leaves me worried that service standards will drop. These decisions are being made without the interests or understanding of the unique experiences of Northern Ontario.

I am troubled by the fact that this decision appears to have been made without consultation with local municipalities and citizens. The realities of Northern Ontario lead to long distances, remote isolation, and harsh winters which can cause significant drops in the quality of service if mail is being processed in Toronto.

The plan to move processing to Toronto, is in addition to the elimination of home delivery, cuts to rural post office hours, drastically increased postage rates and the reduction of good quality jobs. Canada is set to become the first G20 country to eliminate home mail delivery. Instead of looking for ways to modernize operations, Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to them.

Let's remember that the Crown Corporation made a \$1.7 billion profit over 15 years prior to 2011. It has been profitable nearly every year since. New Democrats support modernizing the postal service but we do not support this plan to attack the very foundations of postal service in Canada. I encourage you and your municipality to get active in the fight to ensure quality postal service for the coming years.

Best regards

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