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The Honourable Carla Qualtrough
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By mail:
Ms. Jessica L. McDonald
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Dear Minister Qualtrough and Ms. McDonald,

On behalf of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), I would like to share some perspectives on the federal government's New Vision for the Canada Post.

Post offices are part of the social fabric of Ontario's small rural communities. Not only do they serve as focal point for information, mail delivery is also vital to social and economic connectivity in rural areas. For these reasons, ROMA is pleased to see that Canada Post will focus on improving services to rural and remote Canadians as part of the New Vision. We hope that Canada Post will engage closely with rural municipal governments to implement this objective and look forward to contributing to the discussion.

ROMA also supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) position regarding the New Vision, including its concerns about existing, inappropriately sited community mailboxes and their upkeep. We would also like to emphasize the need for Canada Post to invest in rural post offices so that they have enhanced capacity for parcel-delivery and explore the possibility for limited banking services where it makes sense.

Thank you for considering these rural Ontarian perspectives on the New Vision for Canada Post.

Sincerely,



Ron Holman
ROMA Chair

cc: The Honourable Bill Mauro, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs
Marnie Armstrong, Director, Municipal Engagement, Canada Post
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