May 20, 2025,   
  
The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour  
steven.mackinnon@parl.gc.ca **Re: Potential Strike at Canada Post**

Dear Honourable Steven MacKinnon,

On behalf of the Burnaby Board of Trade, I am writing to urge you to take immediate and decisive action to prevent the strike currently planned by Canada Post employees for May 23, 2025.

Last year alone, Canada Post delivered nearly 6.5 billion pieces of mail and parcels to over 17 million addresses across the country. Any disruption to this vital national service will have serious implications for Canadian families and businesses, particularly small businesses and e-commerce retailers, which rely on timely and dependable delivery to maintain smooth operations.

The threat of a strike is already creating significant uncertainty, and the timing could not be worse. Many businesses are still recovering from the compounded pressures of inflation, labour shortages, and ongoing supply chain disruptions. Another strike, particularly one that affects mail and parcel delivery, could do long-term damage to small business confidence and consumer trust.

Over the past few years, businesses and communities like ours in Burnaby have weathered a series of supply chain disruptions, including wildfires, floods, and labour actions across our ports, railways, and airlines. This latest dispute threatens to erode further the reliability of Canada's infrastructure and logistics network. Something entrepreneurs and small businesses cannot afford.

We respectfully request that you take action now to prevent this strike from occurring. We urge your government to prioritize the needs of Canadian families and businesses by facilitating a swift resolution and ensuring continuity of service at Canada Post.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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