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Member of Parliament  
London North Centre

May 25, 2017

The Honourable Jim Carr  
Acting Minister of Public Services and Procurement  
Member of Parliament  
Winnipeg South Centre

Dear Minister Carr,

I write to you regarding a public meeting held on the evening of Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in London, Ontario that focused on the future of Canada Post and door-to-door mail delivery in our country. The gathering was organized by *Londoners for Door-to-Door*, a local advocacy organization, and various community associations. Between sixty and seventy citizens were present. My colleague, Kate Young, Member of Parliament for London West, also participated. In late 2016, I conducted a public consultation addressing similar issues with the residents of London North Centre. However, I have remained open to discussing the topic with constituents as requested.

Those who attended live in areas of the city where community mailboxes (hereafter, CMBs) were installed in 2015 (postal code regions N6G and N6H). This came prior to the imposition by Canada Post of a moratorium on the introduction of new CMBs. Concerns about a range of issues were put forward. The most prevalent are as follows:

- Seniors, the visually impaired and those living with mobility challenges face difficulties accessing CMBs.
- Threats to public safety apparently stem from high flows of traffic in neighborhoods where CMBs have been installed.
- Snow and ice accumulate around CMBs during the winter and often go unremoved, presenting a further public safety issue.
- A significant lack of consultation by Canada Post on where CMBs would be installed and little clarity as to why particular locations were chosen.
- While some in attendance spoke positively about receiving their mail via CMBs, the vast majority were in favour of the restoration of door-to-door delivery because of the social and economic benefits the service provides to Canadians.

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At the meeting, I committed to all in attendance that I would share with you the views of those Londoners who took the time to go to the meeting and express themselves. I recognize that our government is in the process of reviewing the future of door-to-door mail delivery and related issues. It is my hope that the perspectives offered by these citizens will add to this.

Thank you for your time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Fragiskatos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Steven MacKinnon, Member of Parliament for Gatineau, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement.

Kate Young, Member of Parliament for London West.