

DQPS and the Post Office



Bill C-14 – An Act to Amend the Canada Post Corporation Act MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

On October 29th, the government introduced [Bill C-14](#), an Act to amend the *Canada Post Corporation Act*. If passed, this bill would partially deregulate Canada Post by removing international letters from Canada Post’s exclusive privilege to collect, transmit and deliver letters.

Second reading began on November 20th and will continue during the week of December 3rd.

The government claims that this bill – which is only a few lines long – is focused on a single issue: enhancing competition in the outbound international mail business. Because international re-mailers are already operating in Canada – they collect mail intended for international destinations and re-mail it in countries where the postal rates are less expensive -- the government claims this Bill will have limited impact on Canada Post and the services it delivers.

We disagree.

Bill C-14 is a clear move towards de-regulation of our public post office.

The “exclusive privilege” is a fundamental feature of our post office. Canada Post holds the exclusive privilege so that it can finance its universal service obligation – i.e. the obligation to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live. Removing the exclusive privilege will erode Canada Post’s revenue base, and could put the universal service obligation at risk. Rural and remote areas, where it is more expensive to provide postal services, could very well be at risk.

Why the PSAC cares

Because our post office is one of the most valued public institutions in Canada, and because our public post office is a “quality public service” worth defending!

PSAC members contribute day in and day out to this important public service. Indeed, approximately 2,600 PSAC/UPCE members are employed at Canada Post, primarily in administrative, clerical, technical and/or professional occupations.

Bill C-14 – Where it's gone, where it's going

October 29 First reading in the House of Commons

November 20 Second reading begins

December 3-4 Second reading continues

IF adopted at Second reading: Bill C-14 will likely be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Best case scenario: Bill C-14 is voted down at second reading!

What we are doing

The PSAC and its Component, UPCE, is working with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to stop the passing of Bill C-14. Check out CUPW's campaign material at www.publicpostoffice.ca !

The PSAC has written to the Clerk of the Standing Committee on Transport, Communities and Infrastructure. If Bill C-14 passes second reading, we are requesting that the Standing Committee hold public hearings on C-14, and that the PSAC be called as a witness.

Two-minute action!

Call your MP; ask them what their position is on Bill C-14, and encourage them to vote against it! [Click here to find your MP's phone number.](#)

**Stay tuned for more information on Bill C-14,
and what you can do to stop it!**