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Harper slashes postal service - The conservative agenda strikes again.

The decision to eliminate door to door mail delivery and dramatically increase stamp prices is an example of the Harper governments attempt to slash services to millions of Canadians.

The 8,000 jobs across Canada will not only be felt by the workers, these jobs are eliminated for future generations. We are all affected by these cuts, but the worst hit will be people living with disabilities and seniors. The loss to business will also have an economic impact due to the loss of these good paying jobs.

Canada Post has been closing post offices and not filling vacant jobs by sending our mail off island to be processed and shipped back. Canada Post instead should have been listening and working with unions to expand services such as postal banking for small communities. These postal banks have not only provided a great service but have also generated large profits in other parts of the world that use them.

These cuts at Canada Post are done to undermine the postal service in order to create a situation where they will be able to prioritize the profitable parts of Canada Post.

Canada Post will also be raising the price of stamps. This will cost us all more for less service. How far will we have to travel in winter through ice and snow to get our mail only to find the locks on the boxes frozen? All Canadians should have home delivery so lets expand this to give all Canadians the same good service.

The cuts will send Canada Post on a downward spiral. This spiral already includes Employment Insurance (EI) changes, planned health care cuts, and cuts to Labour Market Agreements (LMA) with the provinces (due next April). With the loss of thousands of Federal Government jobs and services plus the other cuts Harper has planned, I think we all know where he is taking us.... a race to the bottom.

The PEI Federation of Labour will strongly support the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) in their fight for fairness and to protect services for all Islanders, Canadians, and for its members good jobs.

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