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Dear Prime Minister Carney,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the British Columbia Library Association, in relation to changes to the Canada Post Corporations Act in Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget, tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

We are concerned with the amendment to the Canada Post Corporations Act included within C-15. C-15 repeals Paragraphs 19(1)(d) to (g.1) of the Act. This section currently provides for a reduced rate of postage for library materials lent by a library to a borrower, including by means of an interlibrary loan, and for the 'transmission, by post, free of postage, of (i) letters, books, tapes, records and other similar material for the use of the blind.'

This change, if it is allowed to stand, will have a significant negative impact on libraries and the millions of people who use public, college, or university libraries across the country, as well as the estimated 1.5 million people in Canada who have identified themselves as being blind or having a visual impairment.

While we welcome the assurances from Minister Lightbound and Canada Post that existing rates will not be changed, these assurances are not guarantees nor do they offer regulatory protections. Ensuring these services are enshrined in legislation, rather than being controlled by Canada Post and its Board, protects them from further change without consultation, at the whim of a Board that may not prioritize library services and literature for people who are blind in Canada.

Libraries in Canada have historically worked collaboratively to provide Canadians with timely, important intellectual and scholarly information. To achieve this, publicly funded libraries of all types depend on their ability to build networks among institutions to encourage borrowing and maximize the impact of their collections. In addition to sharing resources amongst libraries, individuals who are homebound or living in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities often rely on library materials being mailed through Canada Post.

Interlibrary loans are an essential part of how libraries in Canada operate and rely on the provisions of the Canada Post Corporation Act to provide access to materials for the millions of library users in Canada. If Canada Post can increase rates without any oversight from Parliament or the Government of Canada – as C-15 would permit - libraries across Canada will be devastated, put a strain on already



surging library budgets and threaten their ability to offer this essential service for access, equity and literacy for all.

Similarly, the access to accessible materials for people who are blind or have sight loss is reliant on the current free postage, which is part of the Government of Canada's commitment to support people with disabilities. If this changes, an already vulnerable population will be even further disadvantaged, particularly those in rural and remote locations.

I am asking that you please raise this issue with Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, in the House of Commons and strongly urge the government to withdraw this amendment to the *Canada Post Corporations Act*. To ensure that library materials remain accessible for all people in Canada, it is paramount that the amendment to the *Canada Post Corporations Act* does not pass.

Yours sincerely,

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