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Dear Minister Lightbound,

We are writing on behalf of Canadian organizations that provide services to the estimated 1.5 million people in Canada who have identified themselves as being blind or having a visual impairment. This includes residents of each province and territory across the Country.

The people our organizations support will be deeply impacted by changes in Bill C-15 (Budget 2025 Implementation Act no. 1) that would repeal sections of the *Canada Post Corporation Act* that our organizations rely upon. We represent a broad range of organizations that provide services to people who are blind or live with sight loss. Each of us would be impacted by the changes proposed in Bill C-15.

Bill C-15, in Division 2, S. 197 repeals Paragraphs 19(1)(d) to (g.1) of the *Canada Post Corporation Act*. This includes the repeal of S. 19(1) (g) (i) which provides for the **'transmission, by post, free of postage, of (i) letters, books, tapes, records and other similar material for the use of the blind.'** If C-15 becomes law as written, it would have the immediate effect of repealing the [Materials for the Use of the Blind Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 1283\)](#) which according to Canada Post are the complete program terms and requirements.

This change will have an immediate and profound impact on the critical services our organizations provide to people who are blind in Canada, and on our organizations' ability to fulfill our mandates to serve this vulnerable community.

The proposed change would also be in violation of the Universal Postal Convention, a United Nations-led pact that Canada has signed, which states that

‘Any item for the blind sent to or by an organization for the blind or sent to or by a blind person shall be exempt from all postal charges.’

These changes were included in Bill C-15 without the government or Canada Post providing any prior notice to, or consultation with, our organizations—and, more importantly, with those people who are blind across Canada who rely on our services. The lack of consultation is deeply concerning and reflects poorly on this government’s commitment to supporting those in Canada with disabilities.

We call on the government to immediately withdraw this amendment to ensure that the services that our organizations provide that rely on free post to the blind can continue. Ensuring services to the blind 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 unconcerned with impacts on people who are blind in Canada.

We also request an urgent meeting with you to discuss this amendment and next steps, ensuring future changes that directly impact Canadians with disabilities are not made without proper consultation.

Sincerely yours,



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Monsieur le ministre,

Nous vous écrivons au nom d'organisations canadiennes qui fournissent des services aux quelque 1,5 million de personnes au Canada se déclarant aveugles ou malvoyantes. Ce sont des citoyens de l'ensemble des provinces et des territoires du pays.

Les personnes que nos organisations soutiennent seront très fortement touchées par les modifications apportées au projet de loi C-15 (*Loi n° 1 d'exécution du budget de 2025*), qui viendrait abroger certains articles de la *Loi sur la Société canadienne des postes*, sur lesquelles nos organisations comptent. Nous représentons un large éventail d'organisations qui fournissent des services aux personnes aveugles ou vivant avec une perte visuelle. Chacune de ces organisations serait touchée par les modifications proposées dans le projet de loi C-15.

L'article 197 de la section 2 du projet de loi C-15 abroge les alinéas 19(1)(d) à (g.1) de la *Loi sur la Société canadienne des postes*, notamment l'alinéa 19(1) (g) (i), qui prévoit la « **transmission en franchise (i) des articles à l'usage des aveugles, tels que des lettres, livres, bandes magnétiques ou disques** ». Si le projet de loi C-15 est adopté tel quel, il aura pour effet immédiat d'abroger le [Règlement sur la documentation à l'usage des aveugles \(C.R.C., ch. 1283\)](#) , qui, selon Postes Canada, constitue l'intégralité des modalités et exigences du programme.

Ce changement aura une incidence immédiate et profonde sur les services essentiels que nos organisations fournissent aux personnes aveugles au Canada, ainsi que sur notre capacité à remplir notre mandat auprès de cette population vulnérable.

La modification proposée serait également contraire à la Convention postale universelle, un pacte conclu sous l'égide des Nations Unies et signé par le Canada, qui stipule que « Tous les envois pour les aveugles envoyés à ou par une organisation pour les personnes aveugles, ou envoyés à ou par une personne aveugle, sont exonérés de toutes taxes postales... »

Les modifications apportées au projet de loi C-15 l'ont été sans que le gouvernement ou Postes Canada n'ait préalablement informé ou consulté nos organisations, ni, surtout, les personnes aveugles de partout au pays qui dépendent de nos services. Ce manquement est très préoccupant et nuit à l'image d'un gouvernement prêt à s'engager à soutenir les personnes en situation de handicap au Canada.

Nous demandons au gouvernement de retirer immédiatement cet amendement afin de garantir la poursuite des services fournis par nos organisations, qui dépendent de la gratuité des envois postaux destinés aux personnes aveugles.

Nous sollicitons également une réunion avec vous de toute urgence, afin de discuter de cet amendement et des prochaines étapes. Nous voulons nous assurer que les changements futurs ayant une incidence directe sur les Canadiennes et les Canadiens en situation de handicap ne seront pas apportés sans consultation appropriée.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur le ministre, l'expression de nos sentiments distingués.



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