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Carla Lipsig-Mumme

By Post and Email

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Dear Ms. Lipsig-Mumme:

On behalf of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, I am pleased to offer our support for your research project, which focuses on the complex and volatile relationship between the climate crisis, the later stages of the pandemic, and the opportunity given to the world of work to take leadership in remaking the fundamental tools needed for the survival of our environment and society.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers already has a long-standing established record of working with you on several research projects and other activities, and we look forward to working further with you on this project.

As you know, CUPW represents 56,000 members in the postal and courier industries. As a union representing delivery drivers, retail clerks and production workers we are keenly interested in the environmental impact of our work processes and delivery methods including the modes of transportation, type of vehicles used in the delivery process, the energy efficiency of facilities, the modes of delivery and the packaging of the products we process and deliver.

We are also interested in the overall environmental impact of the use of postal and delivery services. We believe that the postal, courier, and transportation industries are sectors that must successfully lower the greenhouse gas emissions long associated with their work. CUPW's members can contribute to developing strategies to make these changes happen. As you are no doubt well aware, the transportation sector is the second largest emitter of GHG in Canada after oil and gas. Emissions targets will deeply affect our members.

Recently our union has reached an agreement with Canada Post management and the unions representing employees at Canada Post, which acknowledges our shared interest and responsibility to reduce Canada Post's environmental footprint and committed to parties to work together to achieve this objective.

We believe that our continued collaboration with you your proposed project can help enable us to successfully reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions at Canada Post and use our experience to achieve similar positive results within the courier industry as a whole.

Sincerely,

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