



November 15, 2012

Honourable Rich Coleman,  
Minister Energy Mines and Natural Gas  
Minster Responsible for Housing  
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Dear Minister Coleman:

I want to bring to your attention a recent policy change by Canada Post Corporation that will drive up the cost of new home construction in BC and the rest of Canada. Without any consultation whatsoever, Canada Post has arbitrarily announced a \$200.00 per home fee for the installation of community mail boxes. The imposition of this fee directly contradicts the corporation's promises made to new home buyers, when community mail boxes were first introduced.

This levy will be paid by the new home buyer. As a result, new home buyers not only have to accept a lower level of mail service, they are being asked to pay an extra \$200.00 for the privilege of less service. The record shows Canada Post's arbitrary imposition of this fee, without any consultation with our industry, and this clearly contradicts their previous practice.

In short, this new fee is arbitrary and discriminates against new home buyers. I ask that you convey your disagreement with this policy change, and the resulting impact on new home buyers, to Canada Post Corporation, and the Minister Responsible, the Hon. Denis Label. Should you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss this further.

Kindest Regards,

Nathan Stone  
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