

**To all concerned Public Servants:**

Please take a moment to read and sign the attached petition. As you may or may not know, OMAFRA has set in motion the privatization of our Mail and Print services. The affected staff will be served their surplus notices this Wednesday. This means that their jobs will **NOT** transfer to Profac or its service provider, once chosen.

Our concern is for the staff involved and for the level of service and security of our mail delivery in the future. As the letter indicates, privatization of mail services in the OPS is a bad idea, given the nature of public safety and security in these trying times.

Please support our petition to keep our front line mail and print service public – as it should be. Please sign the attached letter and return it to your local steward ASAP:

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**AMAPCEO:**

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Liz Sandals,  
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May 15, 2006

Dear Ms. Sandals,

On May 3, 2006 the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs advised the employees that the Ministry was going to privatize the mail and print services and they would be issuing surplus notices to the staff affected on May 17, 2006.

### **Centralize! Don't Privatize**

The Ministry has opted to have ORC and SNC-Lavlin Profac manage the RFP process for finding an external service provider and this is very concerning. Services provided by Profac have been less than adequate despite their promises that it would be otherwise. Whether it be the poor quality and expensive food, the badly maintained winter conditions of the parking lots and walkways, the sub-standard after-hours security, the dubious odour of sewage in the building and underground parking lot or other poorly managed services, Profac has not proven that they are capable of delivering the best services from a private sector source. If anything, mail and print services should be centralized, not privatized to ensure the high standards and quality of service that the OPS is renowned for.

### **Public Servants at Risk!**

The government mail and print services need to remain the responsibility of crown employees! Whether we like it or not, we are now confronted with letters and packages that could contain more than just threats from angry farmers. Over the last few years, our mailroom has dealt with suspicious packages, professionally and by following proper procedure. Can we expect the same level of professionalism and dedication to service from private sector employees earning minimum wage? Crown employees should expect that our employer makes every effort to ensure that we are as safe as possible while we are at work. Privatizing the service that inspects our mail for dangerous material does not send the message that this government cares about the safety of its employees. Is the Premier comforted by the fact that his mail is screened by qualified public servants? Do we deserve less?

### **The Cost is too High**

If cost is a factor to consider, please consider this: will a private company be able to offer the same low rates for mail and print services that our publicly run services offer now? Will a private mail provider be able to take advantage of government pricing? Why would we choose to pay more for a service when we get it for less now?

We ask that you help keep our mail and print services public!

Sincerely,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Union/Local# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

P.S. Premier McGuinty made an important promise to OPSEU members. In 2003, he said: "Public employees should have the **same rights** as employees in the private sector, and, as Premier, I will restore **successor rights** for Ontario government employees." Please remind him to keep his promise and restore successor rights to the Ontario Public Service.