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Throughout the past 13 days, I have heard from many of you via email, phone, and in person about the significant toll this strike is taking on our community. Canada Post's services are crucial to our small communities, often serving as the only mail carrier, and connecting us to our families and essential services. Small businesses and entrepreneurs in our territory are disproportionately affected here in the north, where alternatives to Canada Post are relatively few and much more costly.

I acknowledge the legitimate grievances that postal workers are looking to resolve while recognizing the challenges that Canada Post faces in its attempt to modernize services. The strike involves over 55,000 Canada Post workers, and while both sides remain far apart on reaching an agreement, the strain this strike is putting on businesses and families is especially severe at this critical and exceptionally busy time of year.

As the Canada Post strike continues into its second week, we are feeling the impacts with every day that passes. Some local companies have had to suspend online orders until the dispute is resolved. With only a month left until Christmas, e-commerce experts warn that many shipments may be delayed, even if the strike ends soon.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the organizations in the Yukon that have worked to adapt their services to ensure that people are able to access essential cheques during this challenging time. I also want to make it clear that the federal government wants nothing more than a successful agreement reached. Although a federal mediator had been appointed to facilitate negotiations and help both parties come to a mutually agreeable resolution, I am dismayed that mediation was suspended as the two parties remain too far apart in their positions.

As of today, Minister MacKinnon requested the parties to meet in his office to help emphasize the message that Canadians are counting on them to reach an agreement - and quickly.

As your Member of Parliament, I continue to monitor this situation closely. Since it has begun, I have gathered with MP colleagues, met with the Minister and brought the concern of this issue to the Prime Minister. I understand the challenges this creates for our community, and I encourage both parties to prioritize resolving this issue swiftly to minimize disruption, particularly during such a crucial time for families and businesses.