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Dear Minister Anand,

I'm writing to you regarding the lack of proper lighting at community mailboxes. This is a safety concern that has been brought to my attention by a number of constituents throughout Argyle-Barrington, and rightly so.

I believe serious consideration should be given to this issue, particularly in rural areas where streetlights are not as common as in urban centres. Residents risk injury when they access their community mailbox after dark. I have learned that Canada Post does not install lighting and have been advised that lighting is a lower determining factor when choosing a site. This is problematic.

Can you advise what consideration is given when it comes to choosing safe community mailbox sites? Who is responsible to ensure there is adequate lighting at community mailboxes and also address any liability issue due to inadequate lighting?

Sincerely.

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