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August 16, 2020

The Honorable Robert M. Duncan
Chairman
U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Room 4012
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Chairman Duncan:

I am writing to request your testimony at an urgent hearing before the Committee on Oversight and Reform at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020. The hearing will examine sweeping operational and organizational changes at the Postal Service, which experts warn could degrade delivery standards, slow the mail, and potentially impair the rights of eligible Americans to cast their votes through the mail in the upcoming November elections.

Over the past several weeks, there have been startling new revelations about the scope and gravity of operational changes the Postmaster General is implementing at hundreds of postal facilities without consulting adequately with Congress, the Postal Regulatory Commission, or the Board of Governors. Your testimony is particularly urgent given the troubling influx of reports of widespread delays at postal facilities across the country—as well as President Trump's explicit admission last week that he has been blocking critical coronavirus funding for the Postal Service in order to impair mail-in voting efforts for the upcoming elections in November.

I have scheduled this hearing for next Monday, August 24 for several reasons: to give Committee Members adequate notice to prepare for your testimony; to avoid conflicting with the Republican convention beginning later that evening and continuing throughout the week; and to provide Committee Members sufficient time to examine the documents and information the Postmaster General produces by Friday, August 21 in response to the request I sent last week with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, and the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Committees with jurisdiction over the Postal Service and federal elections.¹

¹ Letter from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi et al., to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, U.S. Postal Service (Aug. 14, 2020) (online at https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/20200814_Letter_JointPelosiSchumerLofgrenKlobucharCBMPeterstoPMGreElectionPrep.pdf).

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Please be prepared to provide a five-minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members. The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. Please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing.

Please inform the Committee by August 17, 2020, whether you will comply with this request voluntarily. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn B. Maloney". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member