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The Honorable Gary Peters, Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Peters:

I am writing to express my strong support for President Joe Biden's nominees to the Postal Service Board of Governors— Ron Stroman, Anton Hajar, and Amber McReynolds— and to urge you to hold confirmation hearings as soon as possible. They bring unique perspectives to the operations and public service mission of the Postal Service and provide much needed diversity to the Board of Governors. I strongly commend President Biden for his choices.

The swift confirmation of these nominees is critical to address the dual financial and service crises it faces. As you know, the Postal Service has longstanding financial challenges, and service performance has declined precipitously in recent months. Service became so poor during the week before Christmas in 2020 that only 63.9% of first-class mail was delivered on time.¹ The American people have grown tired of the lack of on-time delivery, which impacts the delivery of letters, medicines, bills, and other essential items.

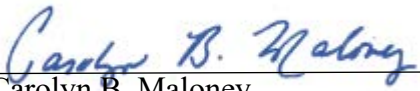
It is urgent that the Postal Service have a full Board to ensure that it can effectively serve the American people. The Postal Service is supposed to be overseen by a Board consisting of 11 members—including nine confirmed by the Senate, as well as the Postmaster General and the Deputy Postmaster General. Unfortunately, the Postal Service has not had a full Board in more than a decade. In fact, the Postal Service lacked a quorum of at least six Members from 2014 through 2019. Although there are now six confirmed Board Members, it is essential that the remaining positions be filled as quickly as possible.

¹ U.S. Postal Service, *USPS FY20Q2—FY21Q2TD* (Feb. 18, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/USPS%20FY20Q2-FY21Q2TD%20Weekly%20Service%20Performance%20%20Market%20Dominant%20Products%20Through%20Week%202.6.pdf>).

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For these reasons, it is vital that these experienced and respected nominees move quickly through the confirmation process to bring needed oversight to the Postal Service. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman

cc: The Honorable James R. Comer, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Rob Portman, Ranking Member
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee