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David C. Williams
Inspector General
United States Postal Service
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Dear Inspector General Williams:

In November 2014, a television station in Washington, D.C. reported on its investigation into sexual assaults inside the U.S. Postal Service.¹ On December 1, 2014, Congressman Blake Farenthold wrote to former Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe requesting information on sexual harassment and assaults in the Postal Service based on the news report.

In a March 13, 2015 letter, the Postal Service's Vice President of Labor Relations provided answers to Congressman Farenthold's request for information. The letter addressed the Postal Service's activities to determine and address sexual assault, consequences of those actions, harassment by supervisors and managers, and related policies and procedures. The letter also addressed the protection of postal employees while on their delivery routes, which is an issue that is very important to me and my constituents.

I am requesting that you review the Postal Service workplace violence program to determine whether the program adequately identifies, reviews, reports, and addresses employee assaults, and validate the information provided to Congress by the Postal Service. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

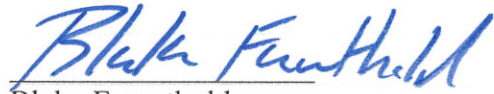


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¹ *The Secret Inside the Postal Service*, News 4 (Nov. 26, 2014) (online at www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/The-Secret-Inside-the-Postal-Service-283896301.html).



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