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Mr. Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 10300
Washington, D.C. 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

In recent testimony before the Committee and in subsequent conversations with Republican members of the Committee you have outlined a soon-to-be-released business reform plan.¹ This is welcome news, because the Committee has been awaiting such a plan for two years since then-Postmaster General Megan Brennan promised to produce one.²

Committee Democrats have released a draft bill which would potentially address unfunded liabilities and debts related to retiree health benefits, but it does not address the U.S. Postal Service's underlying problem: a broken business model.³ In fact, it ignores the decline in First Class Mail and the increase in parcel demand. It leaves the Postal Service on the path to insolvency and would make the current poor delivery performance the norm.

You have characterized your business reform plan as the way to fix operational issues and allow the Postal Service to become self-sufficient, as the law requires.⁴⁵ We are therefore eager to review this plan in detail to determine which, if any, measures should be supported and incorporated into prospective legislation. It would be irresponsible for us to support any bill

¹ Legislative Proposals to Put the Postal Service on Sustainable Financial Footing: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, 117th Cong. (Feb. 24, 2021) (testimony of the Hon. Louis DeJoy, 75th Postmaster General of the United States).

² The Financial Condition of the Postal Service: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, 116th Cong. (Apr. 30, 2019) (testimony of Hon. Megan J. Brennan, 74th Postmaster General of the United States).

³ Chairwoman Maloney discussion draft Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/legislative-proposals-to-put-the-postal-service-on-sustainable-financial>).

⁴ DeJoy, *supra* note 1.

⁵ Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, 39 U.S.C. § 101 et. seq. (2012).

without the opportunity to gain a full understanding of the operational reforms the U.S. Postal Service can hope to achieve under its own authority. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Ranking Member
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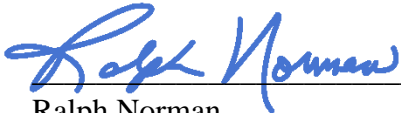
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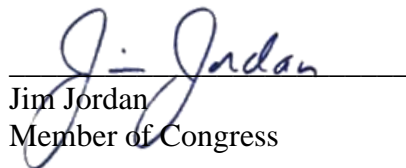
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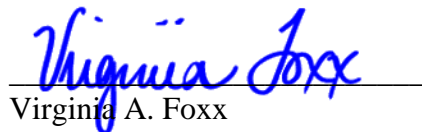
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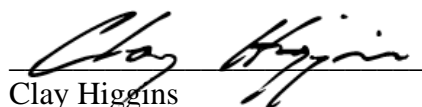
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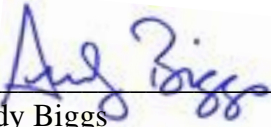
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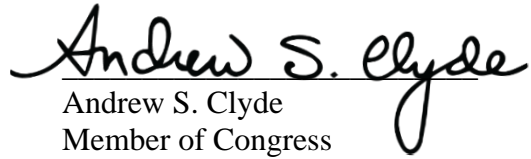
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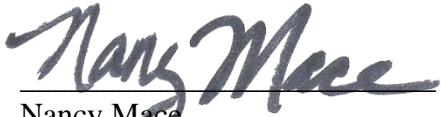
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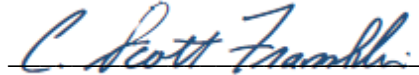
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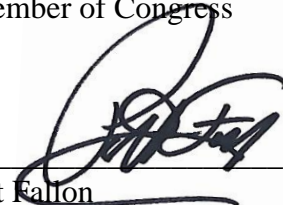
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