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The Honorable Louis DeJoy Postmaster General United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

I write today to strongly urge a reversal to the service delays and price hikes implemented at the United States Postal Service (USPS).

USPS deliveries in my district have become slower, less reliable, and more expensive. This isn't the fault of the mail carriers or postal employees. It's the fault of the policy changes that have been implemented. More than ever, we need the USPS firing on all cylinders and working to solve our supply chain challenges. That is why the agency's progress has been disappointing. In fact, the independent Postal Regulatory Commission found that some of these policy changes would disproportionately and negatively impact our seniors, middle- and low-income Americans, and small businesses.¹

A well run postal service is critical for Valley residents—from seniors relying on mailed prescription medications to our small businesses getting their products to customers. These delays have plagued the USPS and carry real consequences. When paperwork gets lost in the mail, it can mean a missed opportunity; when small businesses have to change their delivery times, it can mean a hit to their finances; and when medication gets lost in the mail, it can mean a medical emergency.

As we approach the holiday season and peak demand for USPS services, I urge you to reverse course and return to the service standards that made the USPS one of the most trusted government institutions.

I look forward to your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Josh Harder

Member of Congress

¹NPR, The Postal Service Presses Forward With Unpopular Plan To Slow Some Mail Delivery, 8/6/2021