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Dear Postmaster General Steiner & Chief Postal Inspector Barksdale:

I am writing to express serious concern regarding reports of ongoing mail theft in Stockton, California, tied to a repeatedly stolen United States Postal Service (USPS) master key. When a USPS master key is compromised, entire neighborhoods are left vulnerable to systematic theft. In Stockton, residents report repeated incidents of stolen mail. I urge USPS to take swift action to address this matter by:

1. Conducting a full review of how master keys are secured and tracked to prevent theft.
2. Working with law enforcement to apprehend those responsible and recover master keys.
3. Replacing locks in affected neighborhoods to restore security for residents.
4. Providing my constituents with updates on the steps USPS is taking to fix the problem.

In addition, I respectfully request that Stockton be prioritized in USPS's ongoing Project Safe Delivery initiative, which includes deploying new high-security blue collection boxes designed to resist brute force attacks and "mail fishing," and replacing antiquated arrow locks with electronic locks requiring two-factor authentication. Given the scale and persistence of mail theft in our community, these upgrades are urgently needed.

Mail theft is not a minor inconvenience, it is a direct threat to the financial security and peace of mind of families and businesses. I respectfully request a detailed response outlining the measures USPS is taking in Stockton and nationwide to address this vulnerability. Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress